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IN BRISBANE: Adelaide City's Neil Banfield (left) clears from Brisbane City's Steve Glockner. Photo: Carlos Picasso.

Katholos blessed but out of grace

South Melbourne, West Adelaide and Heidelberg all took a good start to the season and — together with "perennial champions" Sydney City — may be hot contenders for the title.

But what about star-studded Sydney Olympic, dead motherless

second last — no points gained, no goals scored?

Some fans are already grumbling; others are wondering how long before the traditionally fickle club puts the blame on coach Tommy Docherty.

But the "Doc" is a

tough old campaigner, unlikely to be too upset about the two defeats.

Neither is he overawed by reputations.

Some years ago, over a disciplinary matter, he dropped — and eventually sold — half of his famous "Chelsea Chicks."

Last Sunday he pulled off his star Peter Katholos and replaced him with a junior.

And all this a few days after the Doc was the guest of honor, together with a Greek priest, at the solemn opening and consecration of Katholos' sports store.

St George coach Frank Arok: "Our fans had better get used to the idea that on our shoestring budget they can't expect a champion team."

"We lack depth and this, I'm afraid, will show up in our results."



IN MELBOURNE: Action from last week — Leichhardt's Peter Tredinnick (left) sweeping past Heidelberg fullback Jimmy Tansey. Photo: John Funshon.

- Sydney Olympic have yet to score and languish at the bottom
- Star of 1982 Peter Katholos replaced in debacle against South Melbourne
- Socceroo goalie Martyn Crook rushed to hospital with serious injury
- Herbert and McCulloch miss penalties
- Canberra's "Big Red" is latest scoring sensation
- Four Saints turn yellow-carded sinners
- Brisbane City on road to full recovery
- Ten thousand or so at Melbourne's "Greek derby"
- Former ace strikers Koussas and Valeri dropped
- Sydney City heading towards fourth successive title.

Full details, reports and statistics pages 8-11!

Rasic keeps up star war

Rale Rasic is almost certain to add another star to his galaxy.

Heidelberg's unsettled John Yzendoorn, the ex-Socceroo defender, is expected to transfer to South Melbourne this week.

Yzendoorn copped some heavy flak recently from his club, being one of the players blamed for the 5-0 Ampol Cup disaster against Green Gully.

Until 1981 Yzendoorn was a regular Australian international.



IN SYDNEY: Marconi's Tommy Sermanni (in "Gyprock" strip) surrounded by Sydney City players Ian Bruce (left), Gerardo Gomez (sprawling) and David Mitchell.

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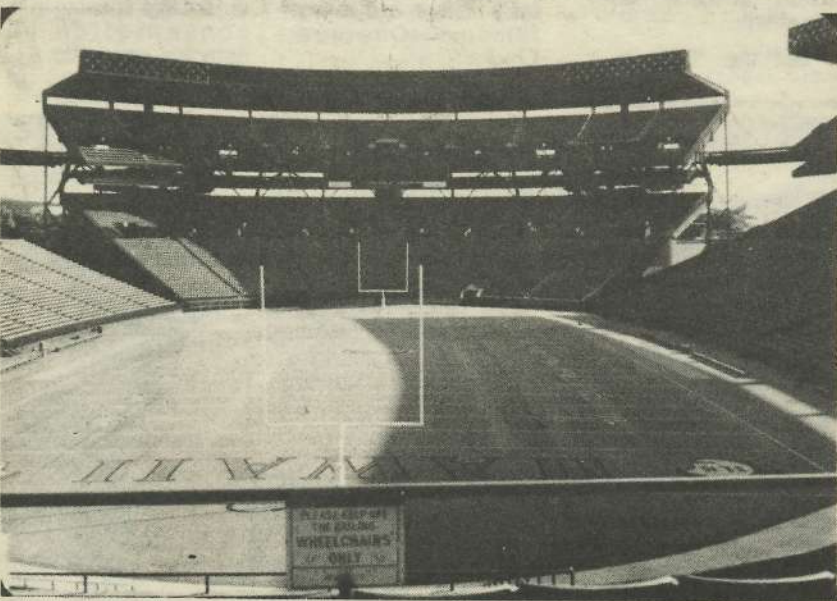
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Balgownie recall great ghosts from the past

By Phil Murphy

In the early 1880s a young Scot named Peter Hunter emigrated to Australia and was largely responsible for what has been a memorable 100 years of soccer in Balgownie.

Balgownie Soccer Club is celebrating its centenary this year and it all came about because one day Hunter produced a soccer ball at work and the miners decided to form their own team.

Back then the village was known as Cramville and was populated by miners and their families.

Hunter's soccer ball caused a stir in the village — it was the first one seen south of Sydney and it certainly was given plenty of use.

Many of the miners had also emigrated from Britain and they became enthusiastic at the chance to again play soccer.

James Cram soon realised what a great asset soccer could be to the small community and donated a cow paddock to be developed as a soccer ground.

As under-manager at the pit, Cram became the founder of Cramville Soccer Club Around 1883 Cram's Cow Paddock, as it became known, was the most popular spot in the district and soccer began to flourish.

One day a month was set aside for family days and families attended the soccer for a special gala day in which several special games were played. Sometimes the under 25s would play the "Oldies."

After the success of the Cramville team, other mines formed their own soccer teams and Woonona, Bulli, Corrimal and Helensburgh came in to being.

There were some challenge games played before an official competition became a reality and teams from Fairy Meadow,

Coledale and Thirroul joined up.

It is worth noting that each of the teams mentioned so far is still active in the Illawarra area, Fairy Meadow having moved to Sydney three years ago.

Balgownie took their name almost immediately despite the estate and the local railway station being named Cramville. With the opening of a new post office in 1889 Cramville ceased to exist.

Supporters

Even at this early stage, Balgownie had many

clude W. Masters, J. McDonald, Barney Tucker, Tom Rhodes, John Rogers, and George Ward.

Descendants of these pioneers later became great players and supporters of Balgownie and by 1890 Balgownie were involved in the State-wide Gardiner Cup.

In their first Cup game played at home, the first game of its type played on the South Coast, they beat favorites Minmi Rangers 2-1.

The tie was played before a large, enthusiastic crowd — one which would

It probably led to the term "Dirty Balgownie" — the catchcry of many opposing supporters over the years.

To stay in the club's first team a player also had to have plenty of talent and many players held their place for the first 10 years of the team's existence.

Among these were Peter Hunter, Tom Thompson, Mick Fitzgibbons, Bob Vardy, Charlie Campbell, a highly rated goalkeeper, and Bill Logan. Among captains who were great leaders in that era were Bob Brown and Tom Thompson Senior.

In to the early part of the 20th century Balgownie players were known all over the State and the club was highly respected.

In 1921, Balgownie won every game except their Gardiner Cup tie. A year later Tommy Thompson and Dave Ward became the first players from the club to gain international honors when they went to New Zealand.

Balgownie should have had three players in that team, the first ever clash with New Zealand, but Judy Masters was unavailable.

Regarded as the best player in NSW at the time, Masters captained Australia against Canada a year later any Thompson and Ward also played.

In 1928 Thompson and Frank Smith gained selection to tour Java.

Many honors

In the intervening years many Balgownie players gained State and national honors and very big crowds were attracted to their home ground. It was previously Balgownie Oval, a few years back it was re-named Judy Masters Oval in honor of Balgownie's greatest soccer player.

Only Granville has the honor of being older than Balgownie, but they changed their name to Parramatta. They played a challenge game against the South Coast side recently.

It was not up to the standard of old-time games between the sides, and ended in a 2-2 draw but the crowd of 3000 were thoroughly entertained.

These days Balgownie play in the Balgownie first division but their aim is premier league and maybe even Sydney.

They have the right credentials as their new look ground is completely banked and fully floodlit.

The aim of the committee is to build the club up to regain the prestige it gained had over their first 80 years.

There is plenty of tradition at Balgownie and in this centenary year people involved with the club are more conscious than ever of this. It would be nice to think they could win the premiership to complete the celebrations.



Judy (James) Masters — 1892-1955 — one of the all-time greats of Balgownie.

staunch supporters, particularly James Cram who worked hard as an official.

Manager of the Mt Pleasant Mine, Tom Cook, also did a lot of work for club along with Harry Hurdock, who was team manager for many years.

Other names dug from the history of the club by historian Vince Ward in-

be the envy of any NSL club these days.

Upset

In 1891, Balgownie fielded two teams and the second side won the Illawarra competition.

Players who played with Balgownie had to have one special asset in those days: toughness and this lasted for many years.

Arok wants juicy broth, few cooks

By Andrew Dettre

The first training camp for the Socceroos will be held on April 19-20.

Coach Frank Arok said yesterday that only one more two-day camp would be held after that, in May.

Just before the England matches, the squad will go into camp again for six days and stay together until the third game.

Arok, appointed by the ASF to be in charge of the Socceroos during Les Scheinflug's absence, said the squad would be selected after four or five NSL rounds.

"Les and I as well as

manager Andrew Lederer had a very cordial and fruitful discussion about our co-operation," Arok said.

"Both are experienced, professional people thinking along the same wavelength as I, so there won't be any frictions."

"Once we start our

camps, I will want only my manager, Les, our masseur and gear steward in attendance, nobody else. Too many cooks can spoil the broth."

Arok said he had received no instructions or directives from the ASF World Cup Committee about the 'type' of players he should select.

"At this stage I have no policy about 'migrant' players or others. Naturally, I would like to field the best possible team but I would also prefer to use as many Australian born fellows as possible," he said.



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This has been made necessary by an article written in your paper on the 8th March, 1983 in which it was claimed, amongst other things, that plans for the reconstruction of the League are "already being drawn up in a cloak and dagger manner."

In a latter part of the article a further statement was made "Whether or not all this undercover work is being conducted with the blessing of the powers that be who rule the game here, is hard to fathom".

Your readers would have been forgiven for thinking, after reading this article that "undercover" work and "cloak and dagger manner" reflects the way in which the NSL and the ASF are approaching what will be one of the most important decisions to be made by soccer in this country for many years and which will set a blue print for the future development of club soccer in Australia for many years to come.

It is well appreciated by all involved in soccer at Federation, club, player, official and media levels and by the public at large that the reconstruction of the League is necessary to overcome many problems faced by the League and by the challenge of the future for the development of the League as soccer's premier and national soccer competition.

The fact that such a reconstruction is necessary has been canvassed by all for many months if not years.

During the publicity releases related to the sponsorship by West Nally of the ASF and NSL, it was made quite clear that a reconstruction of the League was paramount in the minds of the ASF and NSL.

Following these press releases the media generally gave great coverage to the pending reconstruction of the League.

On 2nd February, 1983 at a meeting of all 16 National League clubs held in Sydney, it was resolved by the Council of Clubs that a reconstruction study should be undertaken by the management of the ASF and NSL with a view to reporting back to the Council of Clubs by the earliest possible date.

This resolution was discussed and voted unanimously by the representatives of all 16 NSL clubs.

On 5th February, 1983 the Executive of the Australian Soccer Federation resolved, following a report by the NSL on the subject, that a management report, prepared by

the management of the ASF and NSL, be submitted to the Executive of the ASF at the earliest possible time for consideration.

This meeting was attended by all members of the Executive of the ASF which includes representatives of all of the State Federations and the NSL.

As a result of these two meetings the management members of the ASF and NSL are currently preparing a report on the possible alternatives available to the ASF and NSL for the reconstruction of the NSL.

This report will be presented to both the NSL and ASF Executive for their consideration in the not too distant future.

In arriving at the information and recommendations in the report, the ASF/NSL Management has spoken to members of the relevant State Federations and various clubs to take into account the interests and the views of these people within the report.

In addition the management have taken into account the technical requirements of the long term future national commercial television presentation of the League and many other administrative and management factors.

It is quite normal within any organisation for reports of this nature to be prepared in detail, not by "under cover" means or in a "cloak and dagger manner", but by a management team paid to do such things and report back to those charged with the responsibility of

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DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutherland	2	2	—	—	4	0	4
Riverwood	2	1	—	1	4	1	2
Melita*	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Croatia*	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Blacktown	2	1	—	1	5	4	2
Manly	2	1	—	1	4	5	2
Cant-M'ville	2	1	—	1	3	4	2
Avala	2	2	—	2	2	2	2
Yugal*	1	1	—	—	2	2	1
Ku-ring-gai*	1	1	—	—	1	1	1
Inter-Monaro	2	2	—	1	2	4	1
Polonia	2	2	—	1	4	5	1
Bankstown*	1	—	—	1	0	3	—
Auburn*	1	—	—	1	0	4	—

* Denotes game in hand.

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown	2	2	—	—	6	1	4
Melita*	1	1	—	—	4	2	2
Croatia*	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Ku-ring-gai*	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
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Yugal*	1	1	—	—	1	0	2
Auburn*	1	—	—	—	1	3	—
Manly	2	—	—	—	2	3	—
Polonia	2	—	—	—	2	0	—
Monaro	2	—	—	—	2	0	—

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutherland	2	2	—	—	5	2	4
Cant-M'ville	2	1	—	1	4	1	3
Manly	2	1	—	1	5	4	3
Auburn*	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Ku-ring-gai*	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Polonia	2	1	—	1	2	4	2
Blacktown	1	1	—	—	2	2	1
Croatia*	1	1	—	—	1	1	1
Melita*	1	—	—	—	1	2	—
Yugal*	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Bankstown*	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Avala	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Riverwood	2	—	—	—	2	1	—

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W'gong United	2	2	—	—	5	1	4
Fairy Meadow	2	1	—	1	3	2	3
Rev Workers*	1	1	—	—	5	0	2
Gladesville*	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Rockdale*	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
Warr-Narr*	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
Dee Why	2	1	—	1	3	3	2
Penrith United	2	2	—	—	0	0	2
Parr City	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
B'town United*	1	—	—	—	1	0	—
N B'town*	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
N B'town*	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Artarmon	2	—	—	—	2	3	—
Uni of NSW*	1	—	—	—	1	0	—
Belmore*	1	—	—	—	1	0	—

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fairy Meadow	2	2	—	—	8	1	4
W'gong United	2	2	—	—	10	3	4
Rockdale*	1	1	—	—	3	0	2
Gladesville*	1	1	—	—	4	1	2
Rev Workers*	1	1	—	—	2	0	2
Parr City	2	1	—	1	4	6	2
Dee Why	2	1	—	1	2	6	2
N B'town*	1	1	—	—	0	0	1
Warr-Narr*	1	1	—	—	0	0	1
Belmore	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Uni of NSW	2	—	—	—	1	3	—
B'town United*	1	—	—	—	1	0	—
Penrith	2	—	—	—	2	3	—
Artarmon	2	—	—	—	2	1	—

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Penrith United	2	2	—	—	5	3	4
W'gong United	2	1	—	1	4	1	3
Belmore	2	1	—	1	4	2	2
Fairy Meadow	2	1	—	1	7	5	2
N B'town*	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
Parr City	2	1	—	1	2	2	2
Rockdale*x	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Rev Workers	2	1	—	1	2	4	2
B'town United*	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Artarmon	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Dee Why	2	—	—	—	1	3	—
Gladesville*	1	—	—	—	1	0	—
Warr-Narr*	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Uni of NSW*	1	—	—	—	1	0	—

x Denotes won on forfeit

making the decisions.

We wish it to be placed on record that the question of reconstruction of the League is being conducted in a proper business like manner with all due consideration, co-ordination and consultation with all involved.

P.W. Sheehan,
Commercial Director,
National Soccer League

Still not out of Riverwoods . . .

By Andrew Paschalidis

In the Liverpool Council meeting on March 15, Riverwood's appeal to move to Ernie Smith Park and subsequent bond with the Southern Districts Soccer Association was rejected.

This decision by the Council is very surprising when one considers that 34 clubs from the SDSA supported the move and only three rejected it.

SDSA secretary Alex Morrison said: "I am disgusted with the Council's attitude towards junior soccer. It appears that the Moorebank sports club are controlling all sports decisions in the Liverpool area."

The Southern Districts Soccer Association has a large number of juniors registered.

The total at this stage of the season is between 6000 and 7000.

Once again the bright

talent in this area will be lost to other districts.

Morrison said: "It would appear that Liverpool Council's original decision to allow Riverwood to play at Ernie Smith Park was reversed following Riverwood's loss of sponsorship."

The sponsor was going to invest \$130,000 over a three-year period in updating facilities at Ernie Smith Park.

This decision by the Council can only be a backward step in the development of junior soccer in the district.

Here is the perfect opportunity for junior soccer talent to develop with the backing of a strong club like Riverwood.

Riverwood and SDSA supporters will have to wait till March 22 when NSWFSF decide on the outcome of Riverwood's future.

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MELITA EAGLES Vs B'KTOWN CITY Melita Stadium

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Round 3 — Saturday March 26

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Sunday March 27

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Stephens Sports Travel tour leader John Lane with enthusiastic youngsters surrounding Liverpool star Craig Johnston.

State League strikers find target in wet

By Andrew Paschalidis

The poor weather conditions failed to dampen the attacking spirit in the State League matches.

Although three games — Yugal v Melita, Bankstown v Croatia, Ku-Ring-Gai v Auburn — were postponed, the other matches more than made up for the

weather.

Goals were the order of the day with 13 being scored in first grade, 11 in second grade and 10 in third grade.

In the major games Canterbury held off a late rally from Polonia, Sutherland overcame Riverwood in a tight encounter, Manly continued their State

League hoodoo over Blacktown and Monaro and Avala played a tense draw.

The main feature of most games was the ability of the strikers to put the ball into the net.

Canterbury's Graham Arnold, Sutherland's Gary Knowles and Nigel Groome and Manly's Paul

Falconer were a constant danger to opposing teams.

It would be interesting to see the reaction if the League was to adopt the three points for a win system now being used overseas and in the National League.

After two rounds of the premiership Sutherland heads the points table with two wins from two games.

consolation goal for Blacktown when he tucked a loose ball into the corner of the net.

Overall it was a fine team effort by Manly with Ellis, Scott and Falconer prominent.

Blacktown's performance was highlighted by Rasmussen, who was solid in defence and dangerous with his overlapping runs. Walker, recently transferred from Riverwood, was a constant threat in front of goal.

MONARO v AVALA 1-1

A penalty goal in the dying stages helped Monaro to grab their first point of the season.

This was an evenly balanced game with both sides keen to attack at every opportunity.

Monaro were off to a good start and had the best of play in the opening 30 minutes.

But, Avala soon got into stride and Paul Burrows blasted a shot which was well saved by Peter Ahrens.

Avala were rewarded in the second half when Tilt scored from close range in the 71st minute.

Monaro pushed forward from that point and the tactics paid off in the 87th minute.

Alan Reis's shot was handled in the area by an Avala defender and Willox had little trouble converting.

MONARO: G. Curcic, C. Leith, M. Valeri (L. Djordgieski 84), J. Santolin, J. Arquerio, M. Francis, A. Monterosso, R. Popovic (F. Palombi 81), B. Godzik, B. Willox, A. Reis.

AVALA: P. Ahrens, J. Lembray, S. Deller, M. Barton, E. Patterson, B. Tilt (G. Milne), H. Hosseini, P. Yousupih, P. Burrows, G. Fernandez, B. Karanfiloski.

GOALS: Monaro (Tilt), Avala (Willox).

Barry Walker has been transferred from Riverwood to Blacktown City. Riverwood have appointed long-serving player Andy Tracey to the important role of player-coach.

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John Muscovits has been transferred back to St George after being on a free transfer with Riverwood.

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Manly have added strength to their team in gaining the services of Andy Scott, who was put on the transfer list by Sydney Olympic. Ku-Ring-Gai had previously fought for him but were pipped at the post.

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Prospects at Melita couldn't look brighter. Ex-Leichhardt player, John McKie has re-turned to Australia after travelling to Scotland to get married.

Last season a knee injury kept him out of the side for all but seven games. John scored seven goals in these appearances.

Ernie Campbell, another Melita player just recently married, has resumed training once again.

SIX A SIDE OPEN TOURNAMENT CRONULLA SEAGULLS SOCCER CLUB

Your club is cordially invited to enter one or more teams in the above Tournament, to be played at Woollooware Oval, Cnr Kingsway and Woollooware Road, Cronulla, on Easter Saturday, 2nd April 1983.

The attached entry forms and playing rules are self-explanatory but briefly the details are as follows:—

1. Entry fee \$25 per team of not more than 9 players.
2. A club may enter any number of teams at the above fee.

3. It is an Open Tournament of one division only.

4. Teams shall consist of players other than those registered with

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The organising committee reserves the right to rule ineligible any player or team.

5. First round losing teams will play in a re-charge round, the winner of this game being redrawn in the main draw — each team will thus be drawn for at least two games.

LAST WEEK

1ST DIVISION

	I	II	III
Cant-M'ville V Polonia	3-2	3-0	3-0
Sutherland V Riverwood	1-0	2-0	2-1
Manly V Blacktown	3-2	1-2	2-2
Inter-Monaro V Avala	1-1	0-3	—

2ND DIVISION

Fairy Meadow V Dee Why	3-2	6-0	5-2
Parramatta City V Penrith United	0-0	3-2	1-2
Uni of NSW V Belmore	—	1-1	1-0
Artarmon V Wollongong United	1-2	1-3	1-1

6. Playing time to be 7 minutes each way on a half size pitch, except semi-finals and final which will be 10 minutes each way.

7. Prize money will be as follows —

Winning Club \$500
Runner Up Club \$200
Losing Semi-Finalists \$ 50

8. Additional entry forms, playing rules and information are available from the Club President:

Mr Peter Gray,
240 Woollooware Road,
Cronulla 2230
Phone: 523 8502

9. Additional information from either of the following —

Jim Burgess 524 4577
or Alan Mackenzie 523 7625.

10. In the event of wet weather, please phone any of the above contacts between 4 and 7 p.m. on Friday 1st April OR from 7.30 a.m. on 523 8172 on Saturday, 2nd April, 1983.

Yours sincerely,
CRONULLA SEAGULLS
SOCCER CLUB
PETER GRAY
PRESIDENT



Peter Ahrens



SUTHERLAND v RIVERWOOD 1-0

This was a tight encounter with good football despite the conditions.

Groome and Knowles (promoted from third grade) kept up their fine early season form for Sutherland.

The first half was dominated by the midfield players and the standard of play was high considering the state of the weather and playing surface.

Sutherland gained the upper hand in the second half. From a Roger's corner, Groome hit the ball into the back of the net from close range. With 10 minutes remaining Tracey almost gained a valuable point for Riverwood.

From a free kick outside the area he curled the ball around the Sutherland wall

and forced Haynes to pull off a spectacular save. This was Riverwood's best opportunity in the game.

Groome, Knowles and Haynes played dominating roles in Sutherland's victory.

Tracey, Butcher and Parker tried hard for Riverwood.

SUTHERLAND: M. Haynes, B. Cashman, M. Hesford, A. Sarfegger, V. Dal Forno, G. Watkins, M. Harrington, J. Webber, G. Knowles, N. Groome, C. Rogers.

RIVERWOOD: R. Gibson, P. Mikas, I. Rysstrand, D. Forrester, D. Smith, V. Juchiewicz, P. Butcher, A. Tracey, T. Jones, W. Coutts, B. Parker. **GOALS:** Sutherland (Groome).

MANLY v BLACKTOWN 3-2

Manly continued their hoodoo over Blacktown when they outlasted the Demons in a thrilling encounter. The field was in excellent condition following the transfer of the second and third grade games to another pitch.

Manly opened their account in the 11th minute after Van Heldon side-footed the ball into the corner of the net.

Play in the first half moved from one side of the field to the other. Both sides allowed the ball to do the work.

Blacktown's attacking

raids were not rewarded until the 77th minute. Walker latched on to a loose ball outside the area, shrugged off several challengers and banged the ball home.

Disaster struck Blacktown minutes later. A through ball by Scott was back-headed by Pointer, Doyle made no mistake and put Manly ahead.

With five minutes remaining, Smith deflected Stewart's original shot into goal. This left Manly with an unbeatable 3-1 lead.

In the last minute of the game McLachlan scored a

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Cronulla Seagulls Soccer Club,
240 Woollooware Road, Cronulla, 2230

Adcity expect to hit the jackpot

By Tom McKain

Adelaide City could be the highest cash-sponsored club by the start of next season, according to president Lou Ravesi.

"We currently have \$250,000 over a three-year period under our present set-up," said Ravesi, who announced another \$20,000 deal at a special function last week.

"Our calculations will give us at least \$100,000 to kick off next season, with \$300,000 projected for the three years starting 1984.

"It could be more if the economy picks up."

Boral are the club's main sponsors with Adelaide Pest Control next on the list.

Others include Qantas, TAA and Lensworth Finance.

"We have other smaller companies and individuals who have been very generous, and now we will have to repay them with our performances on the field," said Ravesi.

But fans need not look for any splurge on big-name stars.

"I have tremendous faith in our young players," said Lou Ravesi.

"I think the Youth Soccerers have proved we can produce them, and our own Steve Maxwell is another example."

Maxwell has proved one of the sensations of the Ampol Cup series after being signed from State League club, Birkalla. At 18 he has a tremendous future ahead of him as a striker.

He had the fans drooling with two goals in the 2-2 draw with Canberra in the opening round.

"We won't mind paying for a star if he is something

special, and we could be certain he would pull in spectators or guarantee us points," said Ravesi.

"But as long as we can keep producing respectable results we will give our youngsters time to mature — whether they are produced by us or signed from another club.

City made an unsuccessful attempt to sign Heidelberg's Kenny Taylor, but he could not get a transfer in his employment and was eventually retained by Heidelberg when injury struck their squad.

However, City is still negotiating for at least one Heidelberg player, but coach Bobby Ferguson will not name him until he has had training trials, and match practice, with the City squad.



Glenn Dods

New dates for Youth titles

By Steve Burns

The Australian Soccer Federation has changed the dates for the 1983 National Youth Championships — crucial to the composition of Australia's 1985 World Youth Squad.

Initially it was announced that the championships would be held in Canberra from May 16 to 20.

This has been changed to May 18 to 22.

Once more from these championships will come the nucleus of the 1985 world youth squad.

Australian Institute of Sport senior soccer coach, Jimmy Shoulder, told ASW today: "I have again been asked to pick the best squad from this competition."

"This is because the national coach, Les Scheinflug, cannot attend the championship series.

"Every game will be video-taped and I will select what I think is the best squad and then go over — in great detail — my selections with the national coach.

"Video-taping the championships will at least enable him to see the boys in action."

President of the ACT Soccer Federation, Roger Grylls, said it was the fourth consecutive year that Canberra had hosted the championships.

"And we've got them for the next two years as well," he added.

He said the draw for the two groups had now been made.

Group A will comprise: Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia and Group B, Northern-NSW, the ACT, Victoria and South Australia.

"The first games will be held on Wednesday, May 18, with the semi-finals being played at Bruce Stadium on Saturday, May 21 and the final on Sunday, May 22."

Grylls said it was hoped to house all teams at Canberra's Gowrie Hostel — or, not at either John 23rd or Ursula Colleges at the Aus-

tralian National University. "State Federations will be informed of accommodation arrangements in the very near future," Grylls said.

It is also understood that once more the national youth championships will be formally sponsored.

These arrangements are already well advanced.

Canberra's unique Academy of Soccer is bursting at the seams — with full squads in each of its four age divisions.

This is the first time that the Academy — in its third year — has encompassed teams from the Under-13s to Under-16 age groups.

Executive Director Gianni D'Addario, said last year the Academy had really proved its worth with two players joining the Canberra Arrows' youth squad, at least half-a-dozen playing first division football league soccer and others as regulars in youth league teams.

"Each squad will comprise 21 boys with each age group having two coaches. The coaches will rotate regularly so that the boys get the best from all of the coaches," D'Addario said.

"And again training will be both indoor and outdoor.

"Outdoor training will be on the Bruce Stadium warm-up pitches . . . 5 and 7pm and 7 and 9pm for the Under-13 and Under-14 squads each Monday and at the same times on Wednesday nights for the older age groups.

"The indoor training will take place at Copland College where residential weekends will be held once a month for all squads

Canberra Academy bursting at seams

By Steve Burns

D'Addario said the Academy was continuing to attract Federal Government funding assistance — to the tune of \$6,000 at the present time.

"This is to offset the considerable travelling costs," he said.

"We will once more arrange interstate trips for all squads."

It was possible, D'Addario said, that the initial trips would be against similar age group teams from the St George club.

"This offer was extended by St George coach Frank Arok who was the guest speaker at the Academy's 1982 end of season dinner.

"Of course, the nucleus of the State squads in these age groups come from the Academy boys because they are invited to attend with ACT Coaching Director, Les Bee, overseeing coaching arrangements.

"But even those who don't make these squads will still get games as second team members.

"Just being at the Academy improves the overall standard of all of

Gains for Arrows

By Steve Burns

Canberra Arrows achieved two significant break-throughs over the past fortnight.

The first — at the request of the national coach — was the release, on loan, of crack Institute of Sport and Australian Youth squad striker, Frank Farina; the second the arrival of second Arrows' Scholarship holder.

He is 16-years-old Darwin boy, Paul Almida, who joins Port Moresby born Manis Lamond in the Arrows' youth squad.

Farina, of course, has already proved a big success in NSL soccer and Arrows' coach George Murray is hopeful he will want to stay with the Arrows on his return from Mexico.

That, of course, will depend on whether it can be guaranteed regular games or whether Farina himself thinks his future is better served by remaining with the Institute.

Almida, like Lamond, is a striker and was spotted by Canberra's youth coach, Stuart Devlin when playing in the Australian Under-14 and Under-15 championships.

He is now boarding with the Devlin family.

The Almida family arrived in Darwin from Portuguese East Timor when Paul was two years old. He was coached by his father, playing for his school team, then during the past two years in the Darwin club competition.

Both scholarship holders have shown marvellous potential.

Again the Arrows can be congratulated for a radical but innovative approach to acquiring and fostering young talent.

Adelaide Ampol Cup

By Tom McKain

Adelaide City are nervous favorites as they prepare for tomorrow night's SA Ampol Cup final against Azzurri at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The NSL side beat Azzurri 3-1 when they met in the minor round, but that counts for nothing in sudden death soccer.

The State league champions shattered West Adelaide's hopes of retaining the trophy in last week's semi-finals when the NSL line-up did everything right but couldn't finish, and went down 2-1 after leading 1-0.

And City had to struggle into extra time for a 3-1 win over Polonia, who scored in the first half and held City out until the last minute of normal time.

Although the NSL clubs were seeded to meet in the final, tomorrow night's game should still be a thriller, with all the atmosphere of an Italian derby.

Again, on paper, City will be favorites and it must be admitted that while Azzurri looked good against West the NSL side did miss two open goals, with Graham Honeyman the culprit.

However, no doubt Azzurri will feel that if Polonia pushed City to extra time, then it can do likewise.

And coach Frank Schaper will have sweeper Phil Cole back in his line up after an ankle injury.

And with Youth Soccerer squad goalkeeper David Miller playing like a veteran in this night series, City's strikers will have to be on target.

One of them, Steve Maxwell, also in the recent Youth Squad, is the man Azzurri must block out, for while his partner Les Carter does a lot of running and gets himself in the box, he does not possess the deadly finish of Maxwell.

Coach Bobby Ferguson has been alternating Charlie Villani and Jimmy Wright on the right wing, and it looks as if big Chris Manou will hold his place as centre back in place of Chris Miller.

It looked like penalty jobs for West and City last week.

Polonia shattered City when midfield genius Jan Kierno curved in a great goal almost from the corner flag in the twenty-sixth minute after goalkeeper Willie McNally had palmed out his corner kick.

And there were boos galore from Polonia fans as the fulltime 80 minutes for night soccer with no time allowed for stoppages etc. — came up, and referee Donald Campbell still let the game go on.

It was then that Maxwell got the equaliser.

The extra time saw City get it all together and in the sixth minute Maxwell counted again, followed by Carter in the ninety-second minute.

Shots galore had rained in on the Polonia goal from

Charlie Villani, Jimmy Wright, Sergio Melta, Carter, Maxwell, Johnny Nyskohus and Glenn Dods.

But Howie Jacques stood firm between the posts, and when he wasn't in action masses of red shirts blocked the ball or booted it away.

However, Polonia coach Dave Jenkins can take heart from his team's performance, as he concentrates on the winter league, and he can perhaps look forward to a spot in the national set-up if it is regionalised in 1984.

Azzurri, State league champions for the last two seasons, can also count on a regional berth, although West will claim the local leaguers are lucky to be in the final.

Certainly Honeyman was through twice with only the goalkeeper to beat and failed.

And there were countless chances set up for Paul Wormley, Graham Heys and Honeyman.

They either failed or young Miller in goal kept them out.

Indeed, it was Azzurri who scored West's goal in the twentieth minute.

Heys crossed low from the right and centre back Batchelor cut it off from Honeyman, but sent it into his own net.

Francis then took a chance outside the West box and hammered a high one to beat Martyn Crook in the West goal in the thirty-fourth minute.

David Kamasz got the magic winner from the right when he belted the ball past a ruck of players in the seventy-third minute, and it was all over for West.

They continued to attack, but the Azzurri wall held, and when it cracked Miller was there.

Adelaide City v Polonia 3-1 (0-1)

City: McNally, Shillabeer, Manou, Banfield, B. Nyskohus, Melta, J. Nyskohus, Dods, Maxwell, Carter, Wright (Villani 60min).

Polonia: Jacques, Di Bartolo, Cafuta, Stanczak, Kolecki, Dooley, Kierno, Blagojevic, M. Kosmina (Papadopoulos 73min).

Goals: Kierno (26min), Maxwell (80 and 86min), Carter (92min).

Ref: Donald Campbell.

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Azzurri v West Adelaide 2-1 (1-1)

Azzurri: Miller, Batchelor, O. Michelon, Francis, Donnelly, Konstantopoulos, Francis, Kamasz, Donnelly, Manolev, Alder.

West-Crook, McGregor, Amy, Dunn, McGachey, Brennan, Honeyman, Atsalas, Wormley, Heys, Hiern.

Goals: Batchelor (tog 20min), Francis (34min), Kamasz (73min).

Ref: Jim Rossis.

Crowd: 2,526. Double header.

Trials on Central Coast

John Van Heck has the job of putting together the Central Coast representative teams along with new Association president Ken Harrison.

There are definite signs of a growth in player ambitions, which no doubt has been fanned by the new opportunities available to players from Gosford and adjoining districts.

The Central Coast "Coasties" should go better in the Northern NSW First Division with the experienced Bill Vrolyks in charge.

Vrolyks had some major coaching appointments in Sydney and he knows the Central Coast's talent, particularly in view of his successful run with Umina in the local first grade competition.

With over 4,000 boys and girls playing soccer in the district, there has been a big increase in the number of youngsters seeking a place in representative football.

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Confidentially...

It has been suggested before, and done before, but it never seems to continue.

We are referring to the numbering of players.

Surely it is possible to give players the same numbers for the complete season even if up to 22.

Clubs publishing programs could then, at least, publish a list of names with numbers, and fans would know who was who.

Those gallant souls who have to prepare programs early could work in confidence if they knew numbers would not change.

We realise coaches can't name 12 players on say a Tuesday, but program editors would be happy to list 22 players if they knew the numbers corresponded with those to be worn by the players.

It works in the World Cup, so why not in the NSL?

If numbers are wrong, programs are useless and fans confused, particularly over visiting teams.

Only a whisper, and we can't give any names, but there is a senior Soccerroo who is wondering if the effort he is giving to the National squad is worth it.

He feels the time off he

needs is straining his friendship with an, up to now, understanding employer.

West Adelaide captain Neil McGachey reckons he's setting a record.

He hasn't gone so long without a booking — not that he's a "hatchet" man.

It's just that he usually has "discussions" with referees.

★ ★ ★

Brisbane City midfielder, Bobby Hamilton, who missed the Gladiators' opening fixture against Wollongong because of suspension, could miss more games.

"Jim Hermiston is a tougher man than many people think. He was not happy when Bobby was sent off and I would expect him not to consider the player for selection for at least another week," one City official said.

★ ★ ★

South Melbourne right-back Bobby Russell is 26 and approaching the height of his career. Bob is keen to achieve two main ambitions in football. On the National Soccer League front he believes South Melbourne are good

for a championship this year or next. He desperately wants to play for Australia and go to the next World Cup as a member of the team as well.

★ ★ ★

Wollongong Wolves badly miss Alan Waldron, who has been out with a slight groin strain. Coach Willie Wallace won't be happy until Waldron is in the thick of the action again, especially as his skills will add more balance to the team.

★ ★ ★

Newcastle's Joe Senkalski has made a great start to the season, so much so that coach Ken Kaiser reckons that he is right up amongst the best midfielders going around. Kaiser also has a good word for the displays of Nigel Drysdale at right midfield. The KB boys have now settled down to training at Adamstown Oval.

★ ★ ★

South Melbourne's Ken Murphy, a fine midfielder, came to the club from Melbourne Croatia for a reported \$22,000 fee. He has been playing in Australia for the past seven years. In Scotland he was a Dundee

United reserve team player. At 19 he decided to see what Australia is like. At present he and Doug Brown are stand-by players for the national squad.

★ ★ ★

Remember Graham Norris, the Sydney Western Suburbs striker who went to West Adelaide?



He's been on loan around Adelaide, but is still on West's books.

He could now be joining State League club Beograd for the winter season.

★ ★ ★

There's been a bit of a fuss trying to induce Craig Johnston to return to Aus-

tralia in June — and play for his adopted country against England. However, there has been no public move to recall Krncevic from Yugoslavia, Sharne from Hong Kong, Banovic from England.

★ ★ ★

National team manager Andrew Lederer on the prospects of working with coach Frank Arok: "This will be a Hungarian Rhapsody, hopefully not out of tune."

★ ★ ★

Sydney Olympic have slashed their wages bill by over \$40,000 when they granted free transfers to six off their players.

★ ★ ★

Peter Katholos last week opened his sports store at Marrickville (near corner of Illawarra and Marrickville Roads). The next to go into the same business will be team-mate Jim Patikas.

★ ★ ★

Olympic manager Tommy Docherty does not share the generous win bonus of his players. "I get paid weekly to win," he cracks.

★ ★ ★

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson believes Bris-

bane Lions made a mistake in selling experienced striker Ron Millman.

"He used to cause us a lot of problems with his speed and competitiveness. He could never be ignored. I think the present Lions side could really use his experience," Thomson said.

Lions sold Millman, who was their all-time NSL top scorer, to Queensland Premier League club Ipswich United. The deal involved Ipswich sweeper Alan Marszalek coming to Lions.

In going to Ipswich Millman renewed an association with former Lions coach Matt Carson that also goes back to Southside Eagles and Meeton East.

★ ★ ★

Doug Collins, Marconi coach, surprised a lot of people by registering John Davies on the eve of the match against South Melbourne — but it was no snap decision.

"I saw Davies playing for Riverwood last season and was impressed by his skill," said Collins, who is now attempting to get the player cleared by St George.

Davies is an Australian international, having play-

ed against Hong Kong during Jimmy Shoulder's days as national coach.

★ ★ ★

Ian Gray, who was in the Youth Soccerroo squad in 1981, has recovered at last from injury and a long spell out of action.

Gray, one of Leichhardt's brightest young stars, has suffered from a back complaint since halfway through last season.

★ ★ ★

Big Paul Wilkinson is going through a bad patch with St George and coach Frank Arok admits: "I'm disappointed with the boy's recent form — and so is he."

Saints, however, are very short of experienced reserves and Arok's team selection is restricted. But he took a gamble and dropped Wilkinson against Leichhardt.

★ ★ ★

Slickers coach Eddie Thomson rates Gerry Gomez as the fittest player he has ever trained.

"It doesn't matter whether it's long distance or sprints he is always up there with the leaders. He is tremendous," Thomson said.

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Click go the silky Slickers

By Keith Gilmour

It was vintage John Kosmina in the wet when the Socceroo skipper all but scored a hat-trick as Sydney City achieved their 100th NSL victory at Sydney Athletic Field.

Kosmina scored both goals in the 2-0 win over Marconi.

Right on half-time he had the ball into the net for what could have turned out to be a third goal, only to find

that referee Barry Wilkinson had signalled the termination of play whilst the ball was speeding goalwards.

Kosmina's work in the air was absolutely first class.

Although Tony Henderson had a real captain's game for Marconi and was ably assisted in defence by Paul Degney, Ricky Budini and Joe Rizzotto, Kosmina was the master when it counted.

The Slickers' 100

League wins have been accompanied by 34 draws and only 32 losses - an amazing six-year record.

They were half a metre faster to the ball for most of the game and usually skirted their way around the ponds well on an otherwise excellent surface.

In the early stages, Marconi's defence was often found wanting. Henderson relieved the pressure with some well-directed first-time clearances.

Kosmina gathered the ball in the ninth minute after right-back Kevin Mullen had swung over a cross from deep on the right.

His shot lacked pace but it was placed well enough to sneak in under Allan Maher.

Marconi should have equalised in the 37th minute when midfielder Tom McCulloch shot wide with his penalty kick. The kick had been awarded when Slickers midfielder Gerardo Gomez stretched out to bring down the rampaging Rene Licata in the penalty box.

Young McCulloch dropped his bundle after the miss and was still berating himself after the game. He will have to learn that the best thing is to get on with the matters in hand.

On the day, Tony Pezzano did everything required of him in the Sydney City goal. He put the pressure on the Marconi defence with some fine long distance punting.

Paul Kay replaced injured Kevin Mullen after the break, but not surprisingly he found it difficult to settle into his stride in his first appearance with the club.

Henderson and Degney both received yellow cards for fouls as the game went into a period of slow play.

With 20 minutes remaining, things revved up again as both teams pressed forward.

Degney cleaned up well when Willie Murray broke through and later Henderson beat Kosmina for possession by a split second after Maher had spilled the ball in his path.

Kosmina turned in another fine goal from Wat-

son's corner for the 2-0 result with two minutes to go.

Afterwards Marconi coach Doug Collins said he had to depend on too much youth at this stage and badly missed striker Mark Jankovics.



Adelaide City in Brisbane last week. From left, front: Dods, J. Nyskohus, Villani, Carter, Maxwell, Wright. Top: B. Nyskohus, Manou, McNally, Banfield, Miller and Melta. Photo: Carlos Picasso.

Bris City on recovery road

By Greg Russell.

When Brisbane City finished third in the 1981 National League, the best position ever by a Queensland team, they were undefeated in nine consecutive home matches.

After their performance in beating Adelaide City 2-0 at Spencer Park last Sunday, they look quite capable of bettering that record.

The Queenslanders out-classed the Adelaide team in every department and could have won by a larger margin.

By comparison, Adcity seldom threatened Brisbane City's goal and the visitors' best chances generally came from mistakes

from the home team rather than moves they initiated themselves.

Rain, sometimes quite heavy, fell through much of the game and Jim Hermiston's almost brutal pre-season training paid off with the Brisbane City's players looking sharper and fitter in the conditions.

Brisbane City was always in the driving seat after going one goal up after only six minutes. Frank Pimblett knocked over a deep corner which big defender Peter Tokesi charged in on.

He headed the ball

down to the feet of the Adelaide keeper, Willie McNally, who made an acrobatic, but very ineffective, bid to stop the ball.

Had McNally been a little quicker he could have got his body behind the ball rather than trying to swat with his hand a medium-paced header.

Young striker Steve Maxwell almost got one back for Adelaide City 10 minutes later, but Kim Wishart had the reflexes to stop a great shot.

Maxwell looked one of the best players on the park in the first half and a

hot prospect for late inclusion in the Young Socceroos squad, but then sadly for his team, drifted right out of the game and was seldom seen in the second half.

By comparison another Youth Socceroo hopeful, Steve Glockner was in action all day and could have boosted his chance for a call-up had he taken his opportunities.

Glockner had three clear-cut chances after bursting through a weak Adelaide defence but shot wide, then hit the upright with a great volley.

Adelaide City had three other chances to get the equaliser in the first half, two of them from Brisbane mistakes.

In the 17th minute, home-captain, Frank Pimblett, chipped a ball back to Wishart but the midfielder's back-pass was more like an attempt on goal. Wishart was helpless as the ball flew over his head and bounced on top of the cross-bar.

Five minutes later, Adelaide defender, Neil Banfield, his side's most consistent player, powered a header off a Charley Villani corner, just over the top.

Adelaide had another opportunity shortly after when a bad Bevan Bohan back-pass put Maxwell through but the youngster was forced wide by Wishart and had to cut a ball back to Villani. His shot was blocked as was Les Carter's blasting attempt off the rebound.

Joe Cairney sealed the result two minutes before half-time when he finished off a delightful move involving Bohan, Billy Williamson and Allan Hughes. Keeper McNally was again at fault in not making a loose ball in the box his possession.

Glockner's three chances came inside 13 minutes in the second half and Adcity looked as if they were going to be torn apart by the home team which thrashed Lions 6-1 in a pre-season Tournament Final only four days earlier.

But Adcity survived the storm and the match degenerated into one of lost possession through poor control and careless passing.



Adcity goalie McNally saves a Brisbane City shot last week. Photo: Carlos Picasso.

Dour battle in Steel City

By Myles Hay

Productivity and initiative are key words in industrial success but both were scrubbed from the soccer dictionary when Newcastle KB United and Wollongong struggled to a disappointing 1-1 draw at the Sports Centre.

Defence in depth coupled with cluttered midfield made it well impossible for the rival two-man attacks to function with any degree of incisiveness.

After-match comments of regular soccer fans were anything but kind to the type of football dished up by the opposing coaches.

Apart from an early flurry from Newcastle when Preston confidently clutched a strong header from Bob Mountford, most of the action took place in the crowded midfield with each side set to nullify any threat from reaching fruition.

One had to be sorry for David Lowe, leader of the sparse Newcastle attack.

Most of the time he operated without support on either flank.

Like any other goal-scoringstriker Lowe needs support and the anticipated combination with the experienced Mountford.

After halftime Newcastle

came to life somewhat and yet in the 62nd minute their hopes appeared dashed with a spectacular goal by Roy Cotton.

If a goal was going to be scored it seemed certain that it wouldn't come from a combined, constructive movement.

Cotton, who had figured in a tough duel with Newcastle fullback Tredinnick, waltzed in from the right in such an elegant style that the home defenders seemed to stand back in admiration at his sheer temerity.

Not one tackle was lunged at Cotton as he weaved his way into the box and sent a crashing shot into the net.

A remarkable goal which seemed enough for the Wolves to carry off the three points.

But Newcastle staged a fighting recovery and with only five minutes left striker Lowe fastened onto a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area, driving a high shot into the net for a relieving equaliser.

In fact, in a desperate final minute a great effort by Tredinnick was pushed onto the post by Jim Preston and the keeper was lucky to be on hand to grab the rebound to force a sharing of the points.

Three-point cheer

By Tom McKain

West's defensive machine churned out another three points - this time at home with a 1-0 win over Footscray, but it was even more spectacular than the 1-0 away win over Olympic the week before.

West Socceroo goalkeeper Martyn Crook could not take the field in the second half in Hindmarsh stadium because of concussion, so full-back Bill Amy took over in goal.

The big left side man, while not looking the part, played it cool and with West one goal up contented himself with punting the ball as far as he could.

Footscray tried to take advantage but when they got into the box they ran into Neil McGachey, so

majestic as a sweeper, Robbie Dunn at centre back, full back Ian McGregor and Steve Atsalas (who had dropped back from midfield) and West's fifth defensive man young Brenton Hirn.

And when the ball was pumped out Footscray had to back-track to contain front runners Wally Bojczuk (brought on when Crook could not resume at half time) Graham Heys and Paul Wormley - plus McGregor who still managed to overlap from the back.

It was Atsalas who got the vital break in the twenty ninth minute when he got

on the end of a movement which had started on the right.

Heys crossed the ball, Wormley headed down and Atsalas slid in for his shot which glanced off Slobodan Stojcevski.

The closest Footscray came to scoring in the first half was when Zdravko Lujic miss-hit the ball after Gus McLeod had set it up.

And it was McLeod who almost scored when he crossed the ball, but instead made contact with Crook in the fifteenth minute.

It was handshakes all round after the Socceroo goalkeeper had crashed to

the ground and received attention from his trainer, but during the half time break West's club doctor refused to allow Crook to resume.

There was a lot to like about Footscray as everyone gave their lot - McLeod, Jim Kondarios, Lujic, Suli Curovic and keeper Dennis Boland - but it was not enough to crack the five man defensive line up which was so quick to break into attack, with midfielder Mickey Brennan the strongman.

Heys is still dynamic on the right wing and Wormley is causing all sorts of trouble to centre backs and

sweepers, with Graham Honeyman making so much space for himself without being able to finish off with goals.

Understandably, the second half was not the best spectacle with West's defenders conscious of their makeshift keeper's limitations.

Wormley had a ground shot saved by Boland, Joe Carroll headed wide for Footscray, and McGregor came closest in the fifty ninth minute when he hit the side netting after a great run from defence.

Then Bojczuk hit the Footscray crossbar followed by McLeod nodding

just past for Footscray and Brian Tuttill hitting the ball straight at the goalie which was the first direct shot the stand-in keeper had to deal with in the sixty-sixth minute.

In the final three minutes it was Footscray who were under pressure as West piled on three successive corners only to see Boland and his back four holding firm.

Not the most entertaining game to watch, but for West and their fans three more points gained under difficulty considering Crook was out for the second half and Amy is a novice at goal keeping.

Arrows pepper Lions full of holes

By Steve Burns

Canberra, with an incredible goalscoring frenzy, sent Brisbane Lions crashing to a 6-1 defeat before 3,500 jubilant, chanting, cheering fans at the National Sports Centre on Saturday.

It was Canberra's best win in the National Soccer League — surpassing even their 5-0 victory two years ago.

The sheer size of the defeat serves to reinforce the point that the win was no fluke.

And it was all the more incredible as Canberra had been robbed by the Saturday morning news that key internationals George Christopoulos and Frank Farina would both be side-lined with injuries suffered on Friday.

But the make-shift team performed superbly.

Brisbane's new coach, Dutchmen Simon Kistemaker, has problems — primarily problems of no pep-up front and a back-line prone to leaving gaps.

He does, however, have a team that keeps trying.

That, at least, is a start.

Perhaps he can take heart from the comment of one ever-optimistic fan who over post game drinks said: "Well, we have all season to improve."

Surprisingly considering the final deficit for the first twenty-four minutes there was really little difference between the two teams.

Canberra looked better — but not that much better — and one wondered whether the absence of young international Farina — coupled to that of Tony Brennan — had blighted what scoring potential it possessed.

That theory was disproved in the twenty-fourth minute.

And the player who did the disproving was twenty-two years old Liverpoolian Phil Redmond, Canberra's big raw-boned striker who at 6'1" and nearly twelve and a half stone is to date proving the find of the season.

Redmond has been able to step up from Canberra district soccer, shed over

over a stone in weight through intensive training and dedication, and make an impression in the NSL.

In three games — one cup and two league — he notched four goals.

The man who laid on that twenty-fourth minute goal that began Canberra's goal-scoring spree was midfielder Ian Stone.

Stone chimed rhythmically into the attack, made space and then slipped the ball to Redmond.

Redmond showed amazing calmness to delay his shot just as split second to draw goalkeeper Greg Marshall before finding the net.

As Brisbane countered with sharp attacks we saw first a header by Danny Wright shoot just wide and then one by Alan Niven well-saved by Canberra's goal-keeper Steve Hoszowski, one couldn't have imagined what was to be in store.

Then came Canberra's second goal. It was a goal in a million. Inside forward Ian Gibson ran half the length of the pitch before flicking to Kiwi international Duncan Cole on the right flank.

Cole met the ball first time from at least twenty five metres and his low shot whistled into the far left hand corner of the net with Marshall stranded.

Brisbane kept fighting but never really bothered Canberra's defence and sank deeper into the mire when Canberra went 3-0 from a penalty on the half time whistle. Canberra referee Glen Davis, in a fine NSL debut, ruled the ball was handled as it was being slotted back to Marshall and from the 'spot' Canberra's Steve Bryant scored.

The second half was almost a repetition of the first with the exception of Brisbane's 53rd minute consolation goal from second half replacement Calvin Daunt.

This brought the score to 3-1 but there was to be no Brisbane revival as the superb second goal from Bryant in the 56th minute again stretched the mar-

gin. Then Redmond got his second and his eventual replacement Donald MacLaren completed the scoring just 8 minutes from the final whistle.



Marconi's Sermanni being chased by Sydney City's Gomez.

Olympic outclassed in "Greek derby"

By Con Nikolopoulos

South Melbourne put in a strong bid for the championship, with a dazzling 3-0 victory, against Sydney Olympic.

It was South's first win in the championship and it was celebrated very en-

thusiastically by 10,000 supporters who came along to enjoy a spectacular game.

The loyal South Melbourne supporters were treated to a mixed spectacle as their team and Sydney Olympic mixed soccer with wrestling for most of

the game.

Some elegant blows were exchanged by players of both sides forcing the referee Jim Fearn to spend a lot of time issuing instructions about conduct on the park.

The game started at frantic pace, with the opponents testing each other. Sydney Olympic had the better of the earlier exchanges and for the first quarter of the game forced South to defend desperately.

South's eventual grip of the midfield, however, helped them balance the game and organise some attacks from the flanks.

The match exploded into life after 34 minutes when new recruit Doug Brown scored the goal of his career. Wooddin picked up a defence clearance in the middle of the park and quickly exchanged the ball with Halford. Halford squared it to Brown who side-stepped two defenders and unleashed a low shot which slid under Wilson's body into the net.

Kiwi international Ricky Herbert failed to level the score two minutes later from the penalty spot.

Brown passed the ball back to his goalkeeper but Olympic's newest recruit Patterson connected with the pass and headed the ball towards South's goal. With Peter Laumets stranded, Steve Blair intercepted the ball with his arm and referee Fearn awarded a penalty. Herbert's casual shot sailed over the bar.

His miss condemned his team to defeat as South Melbourne started dominating.

Charlie Egan, Doug Brown and Steve Wooddin were constantly harassing Olympic's defence with their quick dashes forward — forcing Tommy Docherty to pull most of his players in defence to prevent South Melbourne increasing the margin.

Docherty's tactics succeeded in keeping the score 1-0 at half-time but failed to control South Melbourne's frantic pace.

Oscar Crino almost shot South into the lead three minutes into the second half with a superbly taken free kick that missed the cross-bar by inches only. At that point the game exploded into a wrestling bout as Marshall Soper and Bobby Russell exchanged blows, leaving Russell on the ground with a bleeding nose.

In desperation Tommy Docherty replaced Peter Katholos with Svinos in his attempt to unsettle South's solid defence; the youngster, however, failed to win his personal battles against South Melbourne defenders and lapsed into obscurity seconds after he came on.

South Melbourne doubled the score in their 72nd minute raid with Charlie Egan.

Wooddin took a free kick from the right lobbing the ball inside the area. Blair rose in the air to head the ball back for incoming Charlie Egan who hammered it in the net.

Alan Davidson completed his good performance with a move from the left which produced the third goal. Davidson burst forward and side-footed the ball to Wooddin who cut through the defence and crossed the ball to Brown. Brown in turn squared the ball inside the area for Kenny Murphy.

Rogers tried to clear the ball but only as far as Murphy who had no difficulty knocking it in the net.

Leichhardt are confident that their battle to secure Leichhardt oval will succeed, despite Balmain League club's opposition.

"The matter will probably end up in court," said Leichhardt president Nick Papallo.

Young St George starlet Robbie Slater is back in training and should be able to resume playing in about two or three weeks.

Giampaolo waltz saves Leichhardt

One moment's of the old Giampaolo magic was enough to give Leichhardt a precious win against the Saints.

For the better part of the 90 minutes, the match looked deadlocked.

True, Leichhardt had more chances but on the corrugated surface of Lambert Park, even the best laid plans went wrong.

Then, with eight minutes to go, Giampaolo stepped into the picture; he eluded the eager-beaver Skeen, swept towards goal and sent a vicious low shot at goal.

Greedy blocked the shot but the ball ran loose

and Giampaolo, from an acute angle, poked the ball home.

The first half was dreary to the point of tedium; two Leichhardt chances, one for Mariani and one for Giampaolo, were not enough to raise the damp spirit of the fans.

Considerably more action followed after the interval when first Marton's shot was brilliantly parried by a very agile Woodhouse and then, at the other end, Scharmann muffed a chance after breaking through and facing only the goalie.

In the next five minutes the Saints could have wrapped up the game. First Marton's delicate chip was fingertipped to corner by Woodhouse then, in the 80th minute, Barton scored but the goal was withdrawn by the referee for offside.

Two minutes later the fate of the match was decided by Giampaolo.

Leichhardt were just ashore more convincing though they, too, could have easily lost the match.

Clearly they have problems with their strikers department where only Giampaolo looked the part.

Newcomer Johann Scharmann, 34, showed some typically deft Central European touches but also showed his lack of fitness.

The Saints were disappointing and strangely undisciplined: four of their players, Greedy, Barton, R. O'Shea and Skeen received a caution in a match which wasn't even spiteful.

Andrew Dettre



Greg Woodhouse, the Leichhardt goalie, back in top form.

John Coyne has been reclaimed by Leichhardt from Croatia where he was on loan as player-coach.

Reason: Croatia have yet to pay the agreed loan fee.

Leichhardt coach Fil Bottallico: "At last we've

scored! We must rebuild our attack if we want results."

St George captain Peter Stone had to miss Sunday's game with an attack of appendicitis. A decision will be made later whether he needs surgery.

Defences supreme

By Jock Stephen

Peter Ollerton's men were subjected to their most severe test and the Preston supporters had many anxious moments against Ken Morton's active Heidelberg United.

Preston were doing more with applied pressure and only Heidelberg's defensive trio of McKie, Tansey and McLeod kept Odzakov, McMillan and George Campbell away from Jeff

Olver's domain.

I felt that the first half effort from Zarko Odzakov was outstanding and it was only natural that he slowed down during the second half.

Jones and Todorovski were great in defence for Preston all day, and this helped to give the Preston forwards much more of the ball.

George Campbell was a thorn in the Heidelberg side with his clever guile and ball control, and even during the final two minutes he was worrying half

of Heidelberg's defence.

Heidelberg kept plugging away and the results could have gone their way. Pressure on Preston's midfield was giving Heidelberg greater scope towards the end and they also had their chances but the defences on both sides reigned supreme.

A real crowd pleaser well handled by referee Denis Voutsinas. Best players for Preston were Odzakov, Jones and George Campbell. Best players for Heidelberg were Tansay, McKie and Selemidis.

National Soccer League



Jim Tansey (Heidelberg) clears the ball away from Walter Valeri (Leichhardt) as Peter Tredinnick looks on.



ST GEORGE V PRESTON

VENUE: St George Stadium
DATE: Saturday, March 26
KICK-OFF: 4.30 p.m.
REFEREE: T. Davies; Linesmen — N. Condron, C. Smyth

HEIDELBERG V WEST ADELAIDE

VENUE: Olympic Village
DATE: Sunday, March 27
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: C. Bambridge; Linesmen — J. Brennan, N. Okur

WOLLONGONG V LEICHHARDT

VENUE: Ziems Park, Corrimal
KICK-OFF: Sunday, March 27
REFEREE: R. Lorenc; Linesmen — T. Seacy, J. Cameron

FOOTSCRAY V SOUTH MELBOURNE

VENUE: Schintler Reserve
DATE: Sunday, March 27
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: S. Mellings; Linesmen — B. Upton, G. Blakey

SYDNEY OLYMPIC V SYDNEY CITY

VENUE: Pratten Park
DATE: Sunday, March 27
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: D. Rennie; Linesmen — R. Doenau, M. Armstrong

MARCONI V CANBERRA

VENUE: Marconi Stadium
DATE: Sunday, March 27
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: A. Boskovic; Linesmen — K. Tooke, J. McConney

BRISBANE LIONS V ADELAIDE CITY

VENUE: Olympic Sports Field
DATE: Sunday, March 27
KICK-OFF: 2.30 p.m.
REFEREE: J. Rossis; Linesmen — J. Miller, R. Hughes

BRISBANE CITY V NEWCASTLE

VENUE: Spencer Park
DATE: Sunday, March 27
KICK-OFF: 3.00 p.m.
REFEREE: A. Kibbler; Linesmen — T. Close, W. Turkington



Brisbane Lions' goalkeeper Tony Scanlan and stopper Col Bennett are determined not to give Heidelberg's Gary Cole (at rear) any chance.



SCOREBOARD

LEICHHARDT V ST GEORGE 1-0

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, Carter, M. Brown, Bradley, Bertogna, Pullen, Tredinnick (Morsello 71m.) Butler, Mariani, Scharmann, Giampaolo. Coach: F. Bottalico.

ST.GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R. O'Shea, Barton, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Wilson, (Muskovits 68m.), Wilkinson, Koczka, J.O'Shea, Marton. Coach: F. Arok.

GOAL: 1-0 Giampaolo (82m.)

CROWD: 1,500.

REFEREE: G. Power.

CANBERRA V LIONS 6-1

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, Young, T. Byrne, Murray, Walsh, G. Byrne, Bryant, Stone, Cole, Redmond (MacLaren, 71) Ipson. Coach: G. Murray.

BRISBANE LIONS: Marshall, McSkimming, Marszalek, Hunter, Niven, Stewart, Wright, Bassingthwaite, Kelso, Hogg, DeGeer. Coach: S. Kistenmaker.

GOALS: 1-0 Redmond (24m.) 2-0 Cole (39m.) 3-0 Bryant (44m., pen.) 3-1 Daunt (53m.) 4-1 Bryant (56m.) 5-1 Redmond (71m.) 6-1 MacLaren (82m.)

CROWD: 3,500.

REFEREE: G. Davis.

PRESTON V HEIDELBERG 0-0

PRESTON: Wilson, Opasinas, Petrovski, Jones, Todorovski, G. Campbell, Lucchessi, McMillan, Odzakov, Ward, Ollerton (Livingstone 70m.) Coach, P. Ollerton.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Tansey, Spanos, McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Yankos, Vincent (Lea 85m.)Toro, Campbell. Coach: K. Morton.

CROWD: 5,000.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinas.

WESTAD V FOOTSCRAY 1-0

WEST ADELAIDE:Crook, (Bojczuk 46m.),McGregor, Amy, Dunn, McGachey, Hiern, Brennan, Atsalas, Honeyman, Wormley, Heys.Coach: A. Vest.

FOOTSCRAY:Boland, Stojcevski, Hazabent, Kyriakoules, Kondarios, Curovic (Cozzella 84m), Simic, Tuttil, McLeod, Carroll, Lujic. Coach: B. McLachlan.

GOAL: 1-0 Atsalas (29m.)

REFEREE: J. Martell.

CROWD: 3412.

BRISBANE CITY V ADEL CITY 2-0

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Perry, Tokesi, Liddell, Wilkinson, Bohan, Pimblett, Williamson, Hughes, Glockner, Cairney. Coach: J.Hermiston.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, B.Nyskohus, Manou, Banfield, Miller, Melta, Dods, J.Nyskohus, Carter, Maxwell, Villani (Wright 62 m.). Coach: B.Ferguson.

GOALS: 1-0 Tokesi (6m.)2-0 Cairney (43m.)

CROWD:2,400.

REFEREE:D. Nugent.

NEWCASTLE V WOLLONGONG 1-1

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Watson, Bourke, H. Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Drysdale, Jones (Cowburn 72m), Lowe, Mountford. Coach, K. Kaiser.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Pollard, Ainsworth, Fleming, Gaffney, Kerr, Cotton, O'Connor (Fontana 67m). Coach, W. Wallace.

GOALS: 0-1 Cotton (62m), 1-1 Lowe (85m).

CROWD: 2024.

REFEREE: E. Owens.

SYDNEY CITY V MARCONI 2-0

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Mullen (Kay 46m), O'Connor, Robertson, Bruce, Cant, Gomez, Watson, Murray, Kosmina, Mitchell.Coach: E. Thomson

MARCONI: Maher, Degney, Rizzotto, Henderson, Budini, Carbone (Budini 60m), McCulloch, Ser-

manni, Djordjevic, Brown, Licata.

GOALS: 1-0 Kosmina (9m), 2-0 Kosmina (88m).

CROWD: 1284.

REFEREE: B.Wilkinson.

STH MELB V OLYMPIC 3-0

GOALS:1-0Brown (32m) 2-0 Egan (72m)3-0 Murphy (74m.).

REFEREE:J. Fearn.

CROWD: 10,000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Davidson, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Wood-

din, Brown, Egan.Coach: R. Rasic.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson, Rogers, Jennings, Her-

bert, Dakos, Patikas, Raskopoulos, Katholos (Svinos

71m.)Phillips, Soper, Patterson.Coach: T. Docherty.

Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan:

"I can't criticise our boys, they show character and we will make an impression before the season is out.

"We were without Jim O'Reilly, Zoran, Illioski, and Mendo Ristovski and when we didn't manage to sign John Yzendoorn and Ken-

ny Taylor from Heidelberg things were made harder."

Looking to Sunday's match against Sth Melbourne the coach said he was not writing off victory.

"Every game we play better and the players confidence increases so we won't be struggling at the end of the season."

And he gave the quote of the day when discussing his negotiations with Yzendoorn when it looked as if the defender was set to sign: "Rale Rasic hadn't bought anyone that week, so it was no surprise when he made a bid."

Alan Vest of Westad: "We might end up scoring 30 goals goals and winning this league."

Quizzed about his play of using what appeared to be five defenders instead of the usual back four, Vest, made no excuses.

"Look at the chances we create, whether there is five at the back", he said.

"One of these days all chances will come off and someone is going to get a thrashing."

Vest said he was confident this team could beat Heidelberg on Sunday.

"I can't say otherwise, can I, but I do believe it and so do the players and that is half the battle won."

Peter Ollerton said any game with Heidelberg is bound to be competitive and that's the way is was. There would be only one goal in it either way and the crowd respected the efforts of the players even no goals were scored.

Ken Morton of Heidelberg said both sides became involved and this pleased the good crowd of about 5,000. He was satisfied with one point away from home, they could have won the game when Micky Valentine in the first half scraped the post with a shot.

South's win can be attributed to their solid mid-field. Oscar Crino alternately marked Patikas out of the game in the first half and captain Peter Raskopoulos in the second half of the game.

Kenny Murphy excelled in his role as playmaker, often defending solidly, and Carl Halford played the game of his career.

The former Manchester United midfielder once again impressed the crowd and justified Rasic's faith in his ability.

Docherty's latest recruit Steve Patterson, obviously exhausted from his long trip to Australia, did not show much.

TOP NSL SCORERS

Kosmina (Sydney City) . 3
Redmond (Canberra) ... 3
Bryant (Canberra) 2
Egan (Sth Melb) 2
Maxwell (Adel City) 2
Ollerton (Preston) 2

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

By Peter Russell

LAST WEEKS RESULTS

Newcastle (Caban) v Wollongong 1-2 (Smith Sheridan).

Canberra v AIS 0-1 (Junna).

Sydney City (Souness) v Marconi 1-3 (Hatzopoulos, Hunter, Foxman).

Leichhardt v St George postponed.

On a partially waterlogged ground at the Sydney Athletic Field, the bounce or non-bounce of the ball, as it was on some occasions, favoured John Doyles Marconi Youth team to a greater extent than their hosts, Sydney City.

Although dominating play in the first half and creating as many as 10 chances in this period, the Slickers were unable to find the back of the net.

The elements had a great deal to do with this, with the ball stopping suddenly in one of the plentiful puddles as the player was about to strike with

the goal at his mercy.

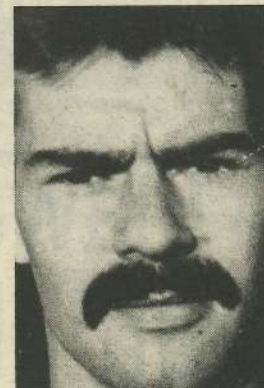
On other occasions the ball skidding off the side of the boot and some uncanny positional play by keeper Tony Veneri, foiled the Slickers.

At the other end 'keeper Tod Clarke was beaten twice as a direct result of the conditions.

Marconi led 2-0 at half time through goals by Tony Hatzopoulos and Ian Hunter.

In the second half the Leopards took further control

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
2	2	—	—	3	0	6
1	1	—	—	3	0	3
2	1	—	1	3	2	3
2	1	—	1	3	2	3
2	1	—	1	3	3	3
2	1	—	1	3	4	3
1	—	—	1	1	3	0
1	—	—	1	0	2	0
1	—	—	1	0	3	0



Ian Souness

and went three up when John Foxman scored after a Hunter cross.

Ian Souness pulled one back for the Slickers five minutes later when he drove in a low free kick from outside the box.

In the Capital City's local derby, Jimmy Shoulder's Australian Institute side made heavy weather of their win over an improving Canberra Arrows youth team.

AIS deserved their half time 1-0 lead with a goal scored by Ray Junna.

Canberra came more into the game in the second half and were unlucky not to grab a point in the last minute of the game.

The Steel City clash at the International Sports Centre, resulted in a boilover with last year's wooden spooners, Wollongong downing the strong Newcastle side 2-1.

Newcastle appeared to be in control for most of the game, but Wollongong always looked dangerous on the break.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
SYDNEY CITY	2	2	—	—	3	—	6	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	3
WEST ADELAIDE	2	2	—	—	2	—	6	1	1	—	—	1	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	3
CANBERRA	2	1	1	—	8	3	4	1	1	—	—	6	1	3	1	—	1	—	2	2	1
PRESTON	2	1	1	—	4	1	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	4	1	3
STH MELBOURNE	2	1	1	—	4	1	4	1	1	—	—	3	—	3	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
BRISBANE CITY	2	1	1	—	3	1	4	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
HEIDELBERG	2	1	1	—	2	—	4	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
ST GEORGE	2	1	—	1	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
LEICHHARDT	2	1	—	1	1	2	3	1	1	—	—	1	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	2	—
WOLLONGONG	2	—	2	—	2	2	2	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1
NEWCASTLE	2	—	1	1	1	2	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	1
ADELAIDE CITY	2	—	1	1	2	4	1	1	—	1	—	1	2	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	2
MARCONI	2	—	1	1	1	3	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	2
FOOTSCRAY	2	—	—	2	1	5	—	1	—	—	1	1	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
OLYMPIC	2	—	—	2	—	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	—
BRIS LIONS	2	—	—	2	1	8	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	—	—	1	1	6	—

NSL SCORE CHART

	SYDNEY CITY	ST. GEORGE	WOLLONGONG	HEIDELBERG	PRESTON	STH. MELBOURNE	LEICHHARDT	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	WEST ADELAIDE	MARCONI	BRISBANE LIONS	NEWCASTLE KB	ADELAIDE CITY	FOOTSCRAY	CANBERRA	BRISBANE CITY
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HEIDELBERG				I			2-0									
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STH. MELBOURNE						N		3-0								
LEICHHARDT		1-0					A									
SYDNEY OLYMPIC								L	0-1							
WEST ADELAIDE									.					1-0		
MARCONI						1-1				L						
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BRISBANE CITY													2-0			.

Granddaughters of Alexander the Great



This is the charming new girls team of Sydney Olympic, "Olympiades" with coach Aris Patikas (left).

By Michael Mystakidis

The growth of women's soccer is a worldwide phenomenon. Naturally, this also applies to Australia.

Recently, Sydney Olympic formed a girls' team from local young ladies, which we may call "Olympiades."

Olympiades was the mother of Alexander the Great.

So let's hope these girls will be great in the near future, by carrying such a famous name.

All the girls have a good knowledge of soccer. That was our impression at Lambert Park last Sunday during an exhibition.

The "Olympiades" coach is Aris Patikas, father of youth international, Jim Patikas.

We asked him how the girls were selected to form the new team.

He replied: "Not long ago I was asked to help form a girls team, which will perform and entertain the spectators before, or during the break."

"Being an official coach, I screened carefully each girl not only for her willingness to be involved in the game, but for her playing ability too."

"I believe the girls have the potential to be good players. May I say it is a pity we started late, but we have a lot of time to catch up."

BIG YEAR FOR WEST NSW

There is no let up in opportunities for clubs in Western NSW to participate in various competitions this season.

Secretary Michael Bray has provided us with a comprehensive list of events, starting with the Parkes Festival of Sport competition conducted by the Central West Association and its secretary D. Cowell.

Western NSW is keen to conduct a special Youth League to provide the opening for ambitious young players.

It is also setting up a meeting with the Affiliated Referees to discuss points of interest.

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Illawarra rumblings

By Phil Murphy

Wollongong United's minor grade sides could be in for a bit more success than they enjoyed last season.

A lack of depth resulted in the reserves and under 18s finishing well down the ladder last season and this caused concern among officials.

Coach Larry Ashbolt has more players overall this year and his reserves opened the season with a 7-2 thrashing of University.

Rade Stefanovski, who is one of the smallest players seen in Illawarra soccer, helped himself to five goals and must be pressing to regain his spot in first grade on the right wing.

What Stefanovski lacks in height he certainly makes up for in effort.

The United third grade side beat University 3-1 and as the top side won 3-0 it was a big day for the club.

Incidentally, Ashbolt made a replacement, putting on Dean Gardiner and he scored twice in just three minutes after taking the field.

Shellharbour Club have gained Radio 2WL manager Harry Roberts as a patron for the new season but there is no truth in the rumour the station will cover the team's matches live.

The go-ahead Shellharbour club recently played a trial against Wollongong Wolves and held the NSL side to a 1-1 draw.

Phil Kerr scored for the Wolves with new signing Drago Cikic getting Shellharbour's goal. Cikic comes from Fernhill and is certain to be a big asset to the southern side.

There was plenty of controversy in the Coniston-Cringila Corrimal Leagues Club knockout semi-final.

Seconds before the half-time whistle, with Coniston ahead 1-0, Cringila were awarded a penalty and it was taken by Nene Nedelkoski.

He put his first shot wide of the goal but the referee indicated Coniston goalkeeper Fabio Fabienisi moved. The same thing

happened when Nedelkoski sent his second effort wide of the post.

At his third attempt he scored, and eventually Cringila qualified for the final with a 2-1 win.

Celebrating their 100th year of soccer, Balgownie will be relying heavily on local talent this season.

Four of their players have been with the club since under 8s. They are Angelo Forte, Neil Grant, Paul Dallas and Ian Moberley. Dallas scored the two goals in the centenary match against Parramatta which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Balgownie have signed two defenders from Coniston in Jim McKenzie and John Griffen and also gained goalkeeper Kevin Nutter from Lysaghts.

Ironically, Nutter fractured his skull playing against Balgownie last season in a trial match.

Coach Dick Evans said that despite the new signings he will place the emphasis on youth and has some very good players in those ranks. These include Peter Yeman, Greg Goodwin, Greg Barlow and Graham O'Connor.

Evans has been appointed youth coaching co-ordinator of the club, which will mean he handles 27 teams during the season.

Formerly youth coach with the Wolves, Evans is looking towards promotion this year and eventually a place in Sydney.

With their new-look ground and good floodlights, Balgownie certainly have a big chance of regaining their former glories.

Sydney Slickers coach Eddie Thomson has let a talented player slip through his fingers.

His son, Joe, has signed with Wollongong United and United coach Larry Ashbolt says he is a very talented midfielder for that league.

Thomson Jun is living in the Wollongong area and it will come as no surprise if he manages to establish himself in the first grade squad.

The Northern NSW projected dream of a strong State-wide competition suffered yet another blow with the withdrawal of newly-promoted Doyalson-Wyee RSL from this year's first division series.

Coffs Harbour have followed suit, leaving a 10-team competition.

Doyalson, who won promotion after winning last year's second division title, had built up a

solid combination including Les True, Jim Bryden, Ray Charter and Dino Milosevic.

But following a trial match against Raymond Terrace, the players were informed that the club would forfeit its place in the top division.

Specific reasons for the Doyalson withdrawal from the league have not been officially di-

vulged, but it is believed that the task of running the team was left to too few people and the tight financial situation surrounding licensed clubs triggered off the problem.

Northern NSW league secretary Ernie Lamb travelled to Coffs Harbour late last week in a bid to find a solution to the club's problems in fielding a team this sea-

son but hopes were pessimistic.

The State League, introduced a few years ago, has failed after the demise of such clubs as Armidale, Stewarts and Lloyds, Twin Towns and now Doyalson and Coffs Harbour.

Inability to secure a worthwhile sponsor for the State League, has proved expensive to the League's coffers.

Prize money for the premiership title winners has had to be used from funds, made up of affiliation fees from the clubs in all divisions.

A new-look directorate this season, following the departure of Stefan Kamasz to take up a post with the National Soccer League has seen David Williams take over as President of the Federation.

Affiliated clubs in the first division (formerly the State League) pay a fee of \$4,500 which covers administration and travelling costs involved but no doubt this figure will be revamped downwards with the pending withdrawal of Coffs Harbour.

At this late stage, with the season to start on March 26, the directors may decide to adhere to a 10-team competition rather than bring in two sides from the second division.

When Doyalson sought entry to the top division, three other clubs Cardiff, Austral United and Wallsend also applied.

Austral had won the premiership the previous year but were denied promotion to the State League when the entire competition was re-arranged.

Other withdrawals from the lower divisions include Gosford Rangers from the 5th Division and Central United from the 3rd Division.

The other side Central Coast Association which was brought into the first division last year amid some voiced protests from local sides will no doubt look to some of the Doyalson players to bolster their playing strength.

The serious situation in which the Northern NSW Soccer Federation finds itself calls for a close scrutiny of the entire soccer scene in the North.

Sponsorship of the series would be a valuable asset but with teams dropping out, this makes it much more difficult to attract satisfactory sponsors.

Several clubs in the Newcastle district are also finding it difficult to make ends meet.

The New South Wales women's Federation will be following an ambitious programme for the 1983 season.

There will be at least five competitions held — ranging from junior representative competitions to the newly formed Metropolitan League.

It is proposed to run the juniors in two divisions of Under 15 and 17.

This is to accommodate the "in between" players, those too old for one division and not experienced enough yet for senior football.

The under 15 section will incorporate players coming into contention for the Under 15 state side with a view to grooming these players for the senior state side.

Two rounds will be played in the junior competition with no play in the middle week of the NSW school holidays.

It will be on a first past the post basis and will be conducted on a Friday night before the senior competition.

A very successfully organised senior competition, which has been running for six years, will again be the main attraction on Friday nights in the metropolitan area.

It is the All Age representative competition, which is run on a district basis with girls being selected from club sides to perform for their association.

This will also be on first past the post system and it is anticipated that 10 out of the 12 Sydney sides will take part.

Junior and All Age Friday night competitions will start on April 8 on selected metropolitan fields.

An innovation which caused considerable controversy when it was proposed last season looks like getting off the ground this season.

AMONG THE GIRLS

By Don Balmain

It is a competition for club sides called the Metropolitan League and will be open to selected sides from the 12 associations.

Sunday has been chosen by the committee as the best time for this venture. Where possible, the games will be played on a home and away basis.

The time slot has not been decided and will depend on association grounds being available. The games could vary between mid-morning and early afternoon, depending on location.

This is to accommodate teams from as far apart as Manly and Liverpool.

This new venture differs from the representative competition in several ways.

Whilst the inter-district event can be classed as being the "cream" of women's Federation soccer, the new league competition is bound to generate considerable interest at club level, especially as it is to be played on fields where other club matches are being played.

The Champion of Champions competition must be regarded as the ultimate for the season

in the NSW Women's Federation's extremely busy schedule this year.

It will be open to the top four sides in the metropolitan League plus the top team from each association. The event will take place over the last two weekends in September and entries close on August 8.

One of the stalwarts of the women's soccer movement, Anne Gregory, died last year and it has been decided to remember her with a commemorative cup.

Anne was a follower of junior soccer for many years and it was only fitting that a competition for players in their mid-teens be held in her honour.

It will be called the under 16 knock-out Cup and will be played on Friday nights, starting in late July. The closing date for this will be July 3.

The final competition arranged by the NSW Federation will be the Federation Cup. It will be a state-wide knock-out event, (F.A. Cup style) and will start after the NSW Queen's Birthday weekend, and will be played on Friday nights. Entries for this contest will close on June 6.

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Think before you act Victoria!

By Fred Villiers

NEVER again should Victorian clubs make the mistake they made some years ago by jumping into the new proposed regional National League.

A repetition of more Melbourne clubs leaving the VSF fold like the four did seven years ago would be suicidal.

The fact is the National League in its present form has not succeeded no matter what they tell you.

Millions of dollars have been spent and not the quality or the our attendances have improved.

On the contrary our crowds have decreased, and all this hoo ha about sponsors can be forgotten.

The whiz kids in the promotion department in Sydney are repeating the same mistakes made by the previous marketing people.

So far we haven't heard of new sponsors or TV exposure.

The only thing we've heard about is that Channel 2, our national channel, have dropped local soccer.

Therefore the Victorian NSL clubs and the top ambitious State League clubs should get together and form a region of the National League themselves.

It should be administered in Victoria by Victorians.

Surely by now they've learned the lesson it doesn't pay to be administered from a

far away city.

As it is now at the NSL level, the cards are stacked against all states.

If you don't live in Sydney you don't make the national team, you don't become a top administrator and the ASF won't give you a job in their office.

It's strictly reserved for the local boys in the Harbor City.

Surely the co-operation between the NSL and the Victorian State League clubs which I have been advocating for a long time is working to the benefit of all.

In Victoria we have proof of it. Anything which will upset the present co-operation must be avoided.

So I say to all Victorian clubs — don't be fooled by promises. We've had enough of them.

State League and NSL clubs should work together within the framework of the VSF.

Forget the big bosses from over the boarder.

Victoria is capable of managing its own affairs. And now is the time to do it.

South will do well — Brown

By Con Nikolopoulos

South Melbourne's explosive forward Doug Brown, is adamant his new team will lead this year's championship race.

The former Aberdeen forward transferred to South Melbourne from Preston, a fortnight ago, and has become, already, the idol of the enthusiastic supporters.

Brown won the popularity stakes at Middle Park with his brilliant performance against his former team, in the opening round of the National Cup. He led South Melbourne to its triumphant entry to the season, scoring twice and pounding incessantly Preston's defense.

Brown denies rumours that a clash with player-coach, Peter Ollerton, caused his defection to South.

"It is not true" he affirms. "I did not clash with Peter Ollerton. We disagreed on some minor aspects of our preparation, which I thought were very central to our plans for the season".

Aggressiveness, is Brown's main attribute as a forward. His moves on the park, both on and off the ball, are identical to those of a lion released from its cage after a long detention.

"I developed my aggressive style, in the very early stages of my career, to protect myself", he confesses.

"As a youngster I was very slim and suffered a lot of punishment from the stronger opponents, to the point that I started having grave fears about my survival on the park. I spent considerable time in Gyms body building

and mentally preparing myself for the counter attack. The acquisition of physical strength together with the strong desire to take revenge from the 'toughies', helped me develop my aggressive style of play".

Brown predicts a great season for his new team.

"South is a great side", he asserts. "If you analyse our team you will find some of the best talent available. We have the strength necessary for a successful championship campaign, and we will be successful".

How many goals does he expect to score, this season?

"I have not set myself any target", he states. "I will be there hunting for them. I know I have a lethal executioner to contend with, Charlie Egan, and that may will be the extra incentive. But I expect Egan to score the pack this year, again".

Scheinflug's interest is another incentive for Brown. The National coach was very impressed with his performance in the charity game and has made public that he will be monitoring Brown's future performances.

"It is great to know that the National coach is interested. I am aware of the fact that I have to perform well at club level to win a place in the National Team and I will concentrate on my game throughout the season to keep his interest alive".



Doug Brown in his dream debut with South Melbourne in which he netted two goals against his former club Preston, at Middle Park Stadium. Photo: John Punshon.

Doves fume on Webster demands

By Peter Desira

Frankston Pines are leading the chase for Stan Webster now that the small striker is at loggerheads with Doveton.

The forward returned from a holiday in Scotland and asked for "100 per cent more than what he was getting before" according to Doveton secretary Jim McLaine.

"He is making it difficult for us."

"I'm sure that not even NSL clubs would be paying what he is asking for. We're very disappointed but can't see the matter being resolved."

"It wouldn't have been so bad had he told us sooner - then we wouldn't have allowed Steve Irvine to transfer."

"We are now looking for some left sided players since all the players we've lost so far have been on the left flank - fullback Jim Train, Irvine, and winger Alan Quin."

"But there aren't many around," McLaine said.

At present coach Ernie Merrick is persisting with the squad he has got. This season Merrick will be helped by Mario Hili who has been promoted to assistant coach after coaching the reserves last year.

Promising fullback Socrates Nicolaides has been ruled out for

the rest of the season with a damaged sciatic nerve.

The youngster, who had established himself in the South Melbourne side last year after four seasons on the fringe fighting for a spot, has been seeing a specialist for four weeks but has "not had the best results so far" according to coach Rale Rasic.

The coach has now resigned himself to plan without Nicolaides in his squad.

"This is why I am after a defender to give us cover for our back four," Rasic said.

The target is a versatile youngster who can fill any one of the defensive roles and who would not cost too much money.

Basically Rasic wants to pay for the player out of sales from surplus players already in his squad. He has used his many contracts and already come up with an interstate player as a possible recruit.

Rasic has denied any serious interest in Heidelberg's transfer listed Soccer John Yzendoor.

"Ken Morton and I talked in terms of a swap - Alun Evans for Yzendoor - but nothing really came out of it. The idea has not been ruled out completely but Canberra is showing real interest in Alun," Hasic said.

VELLA QUIT'S GEORGIE

TONY Vella has quit as coach of Sunshine-George Cross. His place will be taken by a Scottish supremo, Thomas Traynor, of Cowdenbeath.

Traynor, 39, has played for Hearts for eight years, Dundee United for six years as a striker and inside-left forward.

He comes from Bonnybridge, the same town as 'Tiger' Robert Cullen comes from and it was Cullen who has recommended Traynor to Georgie.

Cullen, the former George Cross winger, is now living in Bonnybridge and was on the phone to club president Alf Zahra helping him with a

replacement for Vella.

Traynor is expected within two weeks in Australia where he has a two-year contract with Georgie.

"The sooner Traynor arrives the better," said Zahra. "We knew we would put the club in limbo by doing this but from past experience, people like Steve Makone and Kenny Wagstaff, all brought success to Georgie."

"We decided unless we took immediate action we would be in trouble. We came to a mutual agreement with Tony Vella for him to resign."

"Now we hope to bring back some of the past glory to the club," said Mr Zahra. — Fred Villiers.

GARY JOINS ASW

Gary Cutler, a former Albion Rovers defender who came to Australia 12 months ago from Wolverhampton reserves, has joined the Australian Soccer Weekly as Melbourne advertising manager.

Gary, who expects to join Morwell Falcons this week, has had experience in advertising in the UK.



He can be contacted on 329 8944, at 220 Stanley Street, West Melbourne. After hours 363 6726.

Green Gully — the greatest

GREEN Gully Ajax, the Victorian State League club, have already proved they're a cut above the average side by winning the state's Ampol Cup competition this year.

Here are pictures show the proud group (right) at Melbourne's Olympic Park after winning the trophy.

In the other picture, Peter Boyle holds the Cup high with team-mates (left to right) Loy Denys, Stewart Cannell, David Hogben, Paul Lewis, Willie Vassallo and Jim Williams.

The team which Bobby McLachlan coached to two successive State League championships has been moulded into a winning outfit as we saw when they completely outplayed National League side Heidelberg United 5-0 in the cup final.

New man at the helm is Len McKendry another professional coach who is in the same category as McLachlan.

Len believes the side will continue to dominate the Victorian scene this season

and he's tipping they will take out the league title for a record three times in a row.

Everything is looking good at Green Gully at present, and many clubs are green with envy of their success.

STORY: Fred Villiers
PICTURES: John Punshon



Pretty but it does not pay!

By Fred Villiers

FOOTSCRAY play pretty soccer but it doesn't pay according to coach Bobby McLachlan.

He was very critical of his team's performance when they went down 1-4 in the opening NSL round against Preston, at New Footscray Road.

McLachlan said "I have to teach my boys to cut out 12 passes and make three passes to get a goal. They play tremendous stuff. It looks pretty but it doesn't produce goals.

"This is their style. I can't tolerate it I have to rectify it. I have to change their attitude which is casual, flamboyant. It may look good but there's a difference between winning and losing.

"We have great chances with some terrific headers, and full credit to them. They only think there is a game to go forward. They don't think how important it is to mark men.

"We play some terrific soccer but we get caught on the rebound. This is the difference between Footscray and my old club, Green Gully. We attacked and we defended as well."

He said some of his players played negative soccer but their ball skills were excellent.

Bobby said there was no end result from some of his players. They were tricky but they did not finish the job of putting the ball in the net. "I'm not worried about it. I'm working hard and I would like to change their ways," he said.

"When I was at Green Gully we hated to lose. Even at training we hated to lose. I have to get them to believe that winning is so important.

"It's a big challenge but I knew before I joined Footscray what I was up against," said McLachlan.

Competition for fullback positions at Preston has become a three-way tussle between Gordon Flavell, Con Opasinas and Ljube Petrovski.

Flavell has played all his soccer in midfield in four years at Preston but was moved to rightback in the Ampol Cup nudging Opasinas, Preston's find of the 1982 season out of the spot.

But that might not necessarily be the order of things to come for the League campaign.

"I've swapped players around and used the Ampol Cup to play all my reserves," coach Peter Ollerton said.

"Con only recently signed a new contract and I told him I wouldn't use him until he got that sorted out."

Flavell came to Australia as a defender and has always wanted to play right back so the position will be far from new for him. — Peter Desira.

We were wrong

Our story by Con Nikolopoulos about the Institute of Sport team last week losing 1-0 to Sunderland should have read 3-0. Con is sorry but it wasn't his fault. The gremlins got into the machines. We apologise to Jim Shoulder and his boys. We all know there is no way his team could lose by such a big score.

Polonia a threat for championship

By Peter Desira

The signing of Danny McCluskey leaves Maribyrnong Polonia coach Mike Lynn only one problem position to fill - that of striker.

"It's all coming together just fine. We have started training at our own ground after the cricket season and firmly believe we'll be a threat for the championship this year," Lynn said.

McCluskey was signed from Kew Park Rangers for the 1500 dollars stipulated in his contract and will provide the steel Lynn was looking for at the back.

McCluskey will play centreback in front of Stefan Mila for what must be the most contrasting combination of players out.

McCluskey is a no nonsense outspoken player not afraid to throw his weight about, while Mila is probably the quietest star of the State League - regardless of language difficulties - letting his skill do all the talking.

Mila was bothered by a knee injury pre-season but has overcome it and is back in full training to maintain the high standard he set last year.

Lynn wants a squad of 16 players competing for the first team spots and is keen to fill the remaining vacancy with an experienced front runner.

He has however dropped out of the running for Duncan Cummings of South Melbourne because the player was too costly.

The coach has other players in mind but says the money being asked for ordinary players borders on the ludicrous.

He was interested in Jamie Paton but could not bring himself to ring Heidelberg because he knew the price would be too high.

Polonia's best line-up at the moment would appear to be Lez Dzeilakowski, Rick Lipiarski, Danny McCluskey, Stefan Mila, Mirek Smolarek, Peter Czapnik, George

Petrov, Andy Czapnik, Brendan Lakic, Alec Marshall, Jan Prszybyla.

Lipiarski played several games in midfield last year but Lynn says the player is a much better fullback than midfielder.

Andrew Czapnik can play sweeper while Mila is more than adept in midfield so the pair may swap positions as the need arises.

Marian Jaworski and Greg Czapnik will add competition for midfield spots in the squad.

Greg Czapnik is the latest of the Czapnik family to play senior soccer and Lynn says the player is the fittest player in the team.

"He is still only 20 and has a bit of a chance of getting into the first team," Lynn said.

Lynn himself was playing last year but is unlikely to field himself except if an emergency arises.

"My position is an out and out stiker and it's very hard to play that position and coach as well. I haven't considered myself and will only play in the case of major breakdown."

NORTHCOTE ARE LOOKING GOOD

NORTHCOTE City are looking real good compared to the team which failed to succeed in Victorian State League last season.

They are doing a steady job reducing last year's big debt and at the same time they have spent about 16,000 dollars in rebuilding the team.

New players include Branko Culina (St Albans) Steve Moore (West-

ern Suburbs), Colin Quigley (Pahran Slavia), Mark Wilson (Third Lanark) and Geoff Gorman (Crusaders, Northern Ireland).

This is a very respectable team for 17,000 dollars compared with some clubs who have spent 17,000 on one player.

And what about Northcote's future?

"After spending three months with the club, I find the future is looking good, very good indeed," said man-

ager-coach Tony Vrzina.

"The Northcote area has great potential and it's situated in a city where the Council is putting a lot of money into sport including soccer.

"We are building a good winning team which will put us on the road for promotion into the new regional league which is being talked about.

"The committee have been fantastic. They are right behind me," said Vrzina. — Fred Villiers.



Heads rolling at Footscray

By Con Nikolopoulos

Heads have started to roll at Footscray.

Few days after their thrashing from Preston, in the inaugural game of the championship, star midfielder Zoran Ilioski and forward Mendo Ristovski have been placed on the transfer list.

Ilioski, captain of the Footscray team, has been chopped because of a prolonged dispute with the committee over the terms of his contract.

According to club sources the players demands are totally unrealistic and the committee has refused to succumb to the pressure exerted upon them because of the poor start of the team.

Ristovski, has failed to impress his new coach Bobby McLachlan and was told to look for a club.

Both, Footscray bred players, excelled as juniors before winning promotion to the first team.

Ilioski has dominated the midfield and has become a permanent feature of the team. His superb skills, great anticipation, leading spirit and firing power have elevated him to the elite of Australian soccer.

Unlike his captain, Ristovski has spent considerable time away from Schintler Reserve.

He played for South Melbourne under John Margaritis' leadership and later joined State League side Juventus, to conclude the journey with his return to Footscray.

Footscray are demanding 23,000 dollars for Ilioski and 3,000 dollars for Ristovski.

Meantime long serving center-half Jim Kondarios has been appointed captain of the side for the season.

Needles do the trick for Bruno

By Peter Desira

Bruno Sabidussl is back in contention for a midfield spot at Fawkner after switching to acupuncture treatment for a lingering stomach muscle injury.

"Bruno had been out for three months. He couldn't even run before and there was no sign of improvement. But Joe Palinkas had a similar complaint when he played in Brisbane and recommended Bruno to an acupuncturist," Fawkner coach Cedo Cirkovic said.

"Now after two weeks of treatment he is back in training and only needs a bit more time to get fully back into it. The improvement has been 80 to 90 per cent. I am very surprised but very glad because we miss him so much in midfield," added the coach.

Dutch background in a bid to revamp support, showed interest in the de-

fender but president Guy Spiteri was not interested in letting Kremers go.

Zinni the fastest: Ollerton

By Fred Villiers

NORTHCOTE City's two Irishmen - Geoff Gordon and Mark Wilson - have arrived and it looks like the former Crusaders defender and midfielder will be an asset to the Victorian State League side. Gorman flew in two days before his club played Brighton in a Dockerty Cup game and Wilson arrived on the morning of the match. Gordon had a run in the second half of the Cup match while Wilson watched from the sidelines. But what they saw of the John Cain Stadium club, they liked.

Preston coach Peter Ollerton has slammed suggestions that his defence is the slowest of the four Melbourne NSL clubs.

"The only reason why that claim ever came up is because of the performance of Juventus winger Andrew Zinni in their Ampol Cup match against us," Ollerton said.

"Zinni was giving our George Todorovski a five yard start and still running past him.

"But that kid could run past anybody over a 100 yards - I haven't seen anybody faster than him.

"Our back four is as fast as anybody's if played the correct way.

"George Todorovski likes to get forward a lot but he can't do that when he is playing sweeper.

"It is being hammered into him to play a lot deeper."

KREMERS VERSUS SHORT

The signing of Steve Short from Melbourne Croatia has almost certainly ruled out the chances of regular first team spots for Ron Kremers at Green Gully.

But coach Len McKendry says the youngster is very much a member of the senior squad.

"Ron is basically a central defender but he can be used as a defensive midfielder also.

"He played there in a practice match and did very well.

"He is a dedicated boy with an outstanding future," McKendry said.

Ringwood City, trying to recruit players with a

STEVE'S BACK IN THE GAME

STEVE Short, one of the best defenders in Victoria, is back in the game after being on the sidelines for 18 months.

Steve, the former state and Melbourne Croatia full back, was put out of the game by his former club when they fell out two seasons ago.

Recently he was snapped up by Len McKendry for Green Gully and since he put on the green and white strip of the champion State League side he hasn't put a foot wrong.

Victorians, and State League opponents, will hear more from Steve Short during the present league season.

Photo by ASW photographer - JOHN PUNSHON.

We'll do well says Boggi

By Con Nikolopoulos

Morwell Falcons manager Tony Boggi, is optimistic Australia will fare well against England in the three matches scheduled for June.

"We must not lose faith in our soccerroos, because of their recent mediocre performances against New Zealand" suggests Boggi.

"We have seen them performing extremely well against experienced sides and I expect them to do well against England".

Boggi was speaking after his appointment as assistant to the care-take coach of the National Team, by the World Cup Committee of the Australian Soccer Federation, an appointment sought by a number of prominent coaches because of the prestige it bears.

He was not, however, in a position to describe his duties. He assumed at that early stage that his main task will be "to work with the Victorian members of the National team".

"I won't know my exact duties before I meet with Frank Arok" he said. "I am expecting a phone call any moment with details about our first meeting, either in Melbourne or Sydney".

Asked whether he has any suggestions to make to Arok, Boggi responded.

"Yes, I will suggest to him that South Melbourne midfielder Kenny Murphy is a must for the National Team. I have said it all along and I am not afraid to repeat it. Kenny is the player our National Team needs to consolidate its strength in the midfield".

Boggi coached Australia in 1975, against Glasgow Rangers (1-0, 1-2), China (1-0) and Benfica (2-2).

NORTHCOTE'S manager-coach, Tony Vrzina, is feeling much happier now than when he took over the club early this year. Then he didn't have a team after he put 80 per cent of the players on the transfer list, with the help of a very progressive committee he has been slowly building a side to make its presence felt in the State competition this season. He says they are still missing a target man although Branko Culina, the 1982 Metropolitan League player of the year, scored a hat-trick against Brighton in their 7-2 victory. "I'm in no hurry to rush into signing the first striker that comes along," he said. "I don't mind waiting for the right man. But the player I sign must be good."

TONY Kovac, former president of Footscray, is delighted with the new-look New Footscray Road ground. A crowd of more than 4,000 saw the opening match against Preston, and Tony told me: "What do you think of our new terraces? Good aren't they?" and I had to agree. This is the first real effort we've seen at Schintler Reserve to make the ground into a NSL venue. There is room for car parking which I understand will eventually become another training ground. Footscray's committee must now rename their ground to give it a better image. For years I've refused to call it Schintler Reserve because it sounds more like a reserves for natives of this country rather than a football ground. Why not rename it Footscray Soccer Stadium. After all, this progressive club should look ahead. Trees at the ground are growing and they won't always have to tolerate the freeloaders standing on the railway line and watching the game without paying their admission fee!

PRESTON were disappointed when they played Footscray because they were unable to announce on their team sheet their latest signing from Scotland - Alex Livingstone. They couldn't play him because his clearance hadn't arrived from the Scottish Football Association. But there was no need to worry. Preston beat Footscray 4-1 and Livingstone wasn't needed. But Isaac Farrell, back from Canberra, did get a game even though he had to wait late into the second half for player-coach Peter Ollerton to finish his two-goal spell, and superb match play, before he took himself off to give Farrell a run.

GEORGE Campbell (ex-South Melbourne) was the happiest man on the ground when he scored for Preston against Footscray. It was his first goal for his new side since being involved in a swap with Doug Brown.

FREDDIE Bunce, Ferntree Gully coach, is looking for players for his fourth division Metropolitan League club. Phone: 725 5059.

MACQUARIE KIDS ON WORLD TOUR

On Saturday, March 12, the Macquarie Junior Soccer Association's Under 14 and 16 teams flew out of Sydney bound for Malaysia and England.

The tour has been organised by the U.S. Cultural Exchange and Sports Society (US-CESS), which has previously successfully organised soccer tours to England, Holland, Ger-

many, New Zealand and the United States.

The USCESS provides educational experience by visiting foreign countries and also forming a common bond through sport.

This year is the second in succession that soccer teams from the Newcastle area have travelled to England to compete in the well-known Ipswich Cup.



The Macquarie Junior Soccer Association Under 14 team, from left: Back row: Mark Walton, Gavin Parry, Chris Melmeth, Martin Jones, David Aranyi, John Olsen; Middle: Craig Penfold, Mark Emslie, David Moore, John Watson, Ian Bull, Darren MacBeth. Front: Anthony Richards, Craig Northey, Dean Yates, Murray King, Chris Brown, George Farrington.

My Favorite Player

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Marconi's Mark Jankovics is one of the all time top scorers in the National Soccer League and has played for Australia.

He is one of the owners of The Sports Centre at Parramatta Westfield, Carlingford Court and Bankstown Square.

He will award a sports bag of your choice (value \$15) if you are a fortnightly prize winner.

If you are from interstate then your bag will be sent to you.

So write to Mark Jankovics, c/- AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Box 406, Broadway 2007, and tell us about your favorite star — in not more than six sentences.

Insure against that accident

The leaders of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation are keen to see their Associations and clubs protecting themselves and their members against the risks that can occur in association with the playing of the sport.

Perhaps it is paradoxical, but the amateurs want to become more profes-

sional in their approach to such matters.

There is the need, where football is played and people attend and also give a hand in the various chores associated with clubs and associations, to see that all concerned have a reasonable insurance cover.

It is said that to give absolute cover it would cost more than a king's ransom.

That insurance could not be afforded.

But in such areas as public liability and insur-



ance against certain risks the organisations should be covered.

One company providing a range of services to clubs is C.A.S. Insurances Pty Ltd, whose managing director is Bob Bott. Their activity extends to all states and territories.

Insurance is an area to be handled by experts. In passing on some of the advice given by Bob Bott and his company we must join with C.A.S. and point out that anyone involved should seek out their own insurance and legal advice.

ASW points out that today's article is not designed to frighten anyone out of sports club membership. It just presents some pertinent facts.

I managed to get it to Craig the day he left to go back to Liverpool.

In return he handed me a football autographed by the Liverpool players and signed pictures of himself as he coached the boys.

The ball has a special place on a cabinet and the pictures are on the wall in George Brewster's home.

Even though Craig was flying about New South Wales at about 90 miles per hour it was good to see him take time to thank people.

Certainly the Brewsters will not forget his gesture.

Craig's gratitude

From Pat McNally

This picture tells a little story with a happy ending.

Last year Liverpool's Australian star Craig Johnston was giving one of his popular coaching clinics in Gosford.

Unfortunately he lost his gold pendant. He asked me to let him know if it turned up.

Well, three weeks later George Brewster from Ourimbah and his two sons were down on the oval where the clinic had been held.

George saw a glint on the ground and found Craig's pendant.



George Brewster and his sons display the mementoes given by Craig Johnston in recognition of their happy find.

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Australian Soccer Weekly issues a similar disclaimer, but in the interests of the sport we take the opportunity to publish the first of a very professional series of suggestions given to organisations by that company.

The articles were commented by Justice Kirby, chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission, on the basis stated in his letter to CAS Insurances Pty Limited of February 10, 1983 and published by CAS.

Why have a constitution
When starting up a sports and/or recreation club, one of the very first areas of responsibilities is to prepare a constitution that states the club's objectives, structure and powers. Not only is a constitution essential for the smooth administration of the Club, but it is also a legal necessity if the club is to become an incorporated body — truly an essential responsibility.

Why incorporate?
To protect the interests of all Members against personal liabilities to any creditor of the association/club.

To give some idea of the very serious financial consequence of not being incorporated, consider the following:-

If an unincorporated club has a debt then the paying of that debt becomes the joint responsibility of all the Members. Furthermore a creditor can sue any member with assets sufficient to meet the entire debt.

Committee members have to be especially careful, for should they enter into a contract that is not authorised neither by the Constitution nor expressly by Club members, then the committee alone will be liable for the debt, not the club. With an incorporated club, only the assets of that club can be seized by the courts.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

COACHES AND CLUBS FACE CHALLENGE

Pat McNally is the coaching director of the Central Coast School of Soccer in NSW. He has some clear views on the manner in which junior and schools soccer coaching should NOT be conducted. For people in Gosford and other districts Pat's address is 9 Brands Place, Lisarow 2251 (Tel. 043 62 1491).

Here is a challenge to all people interested in soccer.

Drive around your area any night and try to find the real soccer coaches.

You will notice the real coach uses soccer balls in all his sessions.

There will also be "trainers" in the job at some grounds and these people are give-aways.

Their soccer balls are in the car, or away in the corner of the oval, far from the point of action.

From 6 to 16 your old players, it does not matter to the trainer. He will make them run if it is the last thing he does.

It usually is the last thing, and the only thing.

This year, as in other years, new people come into the game, some as new coaches of junior sides.

Even if they know nothing of soccer they are thrust in to take charge of a group of boys.

It is up to each club to help this new coach and get him on a basic course run in their area, but we all know that does not happen.

If it were to happen this new coach might well stay in the game and improve himself and improve the players around him.

What does happen is that he just keeps on doing the same thing every year, and, if he happens to have the same team each year, then pity the boys.

Ignorance, that is the contagious disease throughout Australian junior coaches. They can't be bothered to find out more about the game.

The worst type of trainers are the ones who know everything and insist that 9-year olds play on a full size pitch and sprint for its full length.

When finally the Australian parent catches on to just how poorly their boys are being coached at junior level maybe things will get better.

When a boy of 15 can't strike a ball or control it, yet has 200 trophies at home, then something is missing.

It is this type of coaching that will keep holding back Australian soccer. It is a mammoth task but it needs to be looked at soon if we are to improve our present youth level.

The coaching gospel needs to be spread, the interest and the importance of coaching juniors has to be shown.

The attitude of junior coaching is vital to the production of future Australian players, playing our own style of soccer.

Wolves need living space

By Phil Murphy

Illawarra soccer took a big step backwards the day the NSL season opened.

With the Wolves drawn to meet Brisbane City at Ziem's Park there were two other soccer attractions in the district.

Just over the road from Ziem's Park, Illawarra teams were playing in the annual Corrimall Leagues Club knockout at Memorial Park.

At Berkeley Sports-ground, more than 1000 spectators watched Wollongong United play University.

Only 1400-odd fans turned up to watch the Wolves so if that trend continues they will be lucky to see out the season.

Last season, with a \$35,000 backing from

Westfield, the Wolves averaged just over 3000 a game but the switch from Wollongong Showground to Corrimall could prove a problem.

Many people in the southern suburbs may not think the journey is worthwhile.

In the meantime, the Wolves, Fairy Meadow, Wollongong United and the ISA should get their heads together to make sure there are no further clashes this season.

The situation won't help anyone, and, if Wollongong people want an NSL team they should back the Wolves all the way.

It is also in the interests of all other Illawarra clubs to avoid playing games in opposition to NSL fixtures.



"It's a letter from your mum. I've got to see you don't drink, gamble or go out with women, make sure you wear your vest, change your socks every day and insist you wash behind your ears."



"Are you trying to intimidate me?"



"Thank goodness we lost. Now I can stop worrying about avoiding relegation."

Amateurs develop management structure

By Keith Gilmour

Officials of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation have this year accepted responsibilities for particular areas of development.

The new scheme sees officials giving individual oversight to particular projects, with overall control resting with the management committee as usual.

The scheme will work on a portfolio basis — but there will be no "inner" cabinet for some of the members.

Amateur president Ian Holmes said: "This year we have had an influx of capable administrators who should blend in well with the senior officials who have provided the backbone of the Federation for so many years now."

"Specialisation will mean that more tasks can be handled than before, even allowing that about the usual number of meetings will be held."

Holmes himself leads off by handling matters relating to the Australian Soccer Federation, the National Junior Council and the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs.

Harrie Denning supervises the State P & D and Appeals Committee.

This idea is basically sound. Central Coast, although part and parcel of the Northern NSW Federation area, has been given the right to play in the NSW Youth League and plays against Sydney clubs.

If this was not permitted the boys of Gosford and surrounding areas would miss out on a deal of high class competition.

Similarly Canberra does not have to forego its right as a soccer 'state' or 'territory'.

The organisation will allow country officials to plan for their own future at the level where the real decisions are made.

While a feasibility study will be done to see if it is practicable to have full country junior representative teams, nothing has yet been mooted at senior amateur level.

The country areas should have a structure that enables them to bring the areas together for a country championship.

It would be no easy task to establish such a system, but it is worth considering maybe in 1984 as it works well for competitor codes.

A deal for new country talent would be unearthed.

No investigation has been done into the desirability of a senior amateur competition at Association district level in Sydney.

Under such a scheme clubs would be formed with headquarters in the districts.

A way would be open for players to progress to high class football if they did not wish to join the semi-professional clubs.

Certainly it would be worth seeing if the Associations thought the matter was worth following up.

It could offer more of the right incentive as against the standards of the lower Inter Urban competitions in Sydney.

Here is how the balance of the functions would be dealt with by the officers mentioned.

Junior Vice President: (Riverina)

- Investigation of the feasibility to select a single representative team from all country branches in each age group.

- Compilation of country branch needs which require consideration in a merger of both soccer Federations in N.S.W.

Junior Vice President: (Southern)

- Matters which involve —
 - State coaching levy
 - State coaching program
 - Representation to Coaches' Federation.

Junior Vice President: (Western)

- Development and future planning of the Mid-State League competition.

Secretary:-

- General administration duties and other functions as assigned by the Executive or Management Committee.

Treasurer:-

- Financial forward planning.

- Liaison with Department of Sport on Government funding.

Assistant Secretary (Administration):-

- Undertake duties as required by the Secretary.

Assistant Secretary (Competition):-

- Revision of Rules for all State run competitions.

Publicity-Public Relations Officer:-

- Marketing of Logo

- Product endorsement,

Mini soccer for nines and tens

This week we print the guideline rules from the Ku-ring-gai District for under nine and ten years players.

They have been set up to allow for full enjoyment of the matches without undue pressure. Soccer can contribute

greatly to the physical and mental welfare of the young players.

It promotes co-ordination and quick decision making.

Competition points are only introduced in the second half of the under 10 season.

Pitch Measurements

Goals: 1.8m by 5.4m.
Goal Area: As for full sized pitch
Penalty Area: As for full sized pitch but with 12m dimensions in place of 18 yards.
Penalty Spot: 10m from the centre of goal with 10m radius are marked from it as centre, outside the Penalty Area, as for full sized pitch.
Centre Circle: As for full sized pitch
Corner Area: As for full sized pitch

THE BALL

Under 9: Size 3
Under 10: Size 4

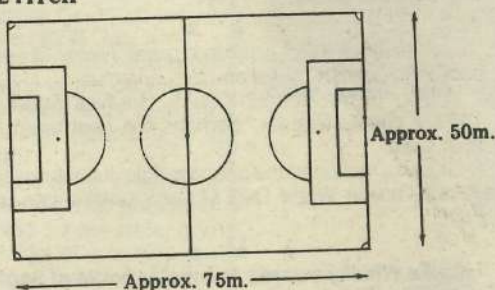
THE DURATION OF GAMES

25 minutes each way; 5 minutes for half-time.

THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A maximum of 11 players may be registered per team.
- Games will be conducted between teams of 9 players: one player in each team being nominated as goalkeeper.
- All players in attendance at a game shall play at least half a game each unless injured (see Playing Rules regarding substitution for injured players in second half of games).

THE PITCH



THE PLAYING RULES

Games will be played according to the FIFA Laws of Association Football with the following modifications:

- Under 9 games will be conducted as friendly games; competition points and tables will not apply.
Under 10 games will be conducted as friendly games for the first half of the season; competition points and tables will apply only for games played in a competition organised for the second half of the season.
- Goal kicks will be taken from the edge of the Penalty Area by advancing the ball from the normal position in the Goal Area.
- Corner kicks will be taken from a point adjacent to the goal line 9m from the edge of the Penalty Area, or from the Corner Area, whichever is closest to the goal.
- Referees will be as stated on K.D.S.A. Match Cards.
- An injured player who is unable to continue to play may be substituted in the second half of a game by a player who has already played in the game.
- No coaching will be allowed from the side-line except by the coach and then only if information is given quietly in a non-hysterical manner.

PLAYERS OF PROMISE

David McGlynn and Peter Skalkos played their roles out to perfection when Chullora Wolves continued on their winning way to gain a narrow win over Springwood in the 1982 NSW Champion of Champions final.

The winning goal came with only 60 seconds remaining.

It was David McGlynn who steamed in to slam in the only goal of the match.

Not long before the goal the Wolves coach Rob. Wozniak made an inspired replacement.

Right-half Bruce Elysee had to come off. Fresh player Peter Skalkos went to right back and David McGlynn filled the right-half gap.

Centre-forward Michael Beky made a devastating run down the left side to the goal line. He crossed back to the far post, where young McGlynn was waiting to knock in the winner.

Springwood had far the better of the first half in an excellent wet weather match played at Blacktown Demons' Toongabbie Stadium.

It was the Wolves second successive win, as they had been the under 11 champions in 1981.

KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE



Peter Skalkos (left) and David McGlynn demonstrate the smiles that go along with winning the NSW Champion of Champions titles.

ACTION IN SERVICES



A Navy defender (dark shirt) applies the counter to this shot from RAAF No 10 Neil Jones, with the Navy goalkeeper alert for the shot.



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SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



Luxury kaputt for Germans

Only the reigning German champions Hamburg and cup holders Bayern Munich still have money to splash around.

Most of the other 18 clubs in the West German first division (or Bundesliga) have been forced to make cuts owing to diminishing spectator figures and postponed matches due to inclement weather conditions.

Nuremberg, who have won the German championship more than any other club, have resorted to stiff measures: the club's own inn was leased out and 24 employees of the club had to be dismissed.

Other clubs have now started training at reasonably priced sports schools, are avoiding luxury hotels and are again travelling to away matches by coach instead of air.

Many clubs have also had to cut back on salaries for their players.

However, one footballer unaffected so far by all these savings is the captain of the West German national team, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich (photo).

Recently, it was worked out that he had earned no less than \$2,300,000 last year, including advertising revenue.



Rummenigge (left) — still a millionaire despite austerity.



BILLY'S STILL A HERO

BURNLEY striker Billy Hamilton is still basking in the glory of his scoring exploits for Northern Ireland in the World Cup in Spain.

Says Billy: "I'm in constant demand for making guest appearances and I seem to have won plenty of new fans. I get letters from people in Germany, Sweden and Norway asking for my autograph — and even old ladies stop me in the street to shake my hand. "But it is when I go home to Northern Ireland that I really feel a hero. I've been allowed to play free on golf courses and disco proprietors won't hear of me paying for admission."

HUNGARY

Dr Arpad Csanadi, former Ferencvaros star and coach, more recently Vice Chairman of the Hungarian Sports Ministry and executive member of the International Olympic Committee, died in Budapest at the age of 60.

★ ★ ★

The Ujpest club have announced that they would not even consider allowing

their star Andras Torocsik to join a foreign club — as he is only 28. On the other hand, the older ex-internationals Jozsef Toth and Jozsef Kovacs will get their permission.

SWITZERLAND

Trust the cunning Swiss... Any fans who want to see Brazil in Basel on June 17 — must also buy a ticket for the European Championship match against the less appealing

East Germany on May 14.

GERMANY

Nambatingue Toko, 30, a Chad international who had seen service with the French St Germain, has signed for the German Mannheim.

Germany and Belgium drew 1-1 in the women's European Championship — watched by 6,000 fans.

Weymouth, who play in the Alliance Premier League, had 10 points deducted when they failed to turn up for a match against Maidstone.

After an appeal to the English F.A., the points were given back to Weymouth.

The trouble was caused by players going on strike — because they were refused car expenses to travel to matches. Ten players went on strike over the expenses row...

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Vladimir Petrovic's days with Arsenal are numbered. The brilliant Yugoslavian midfielder has struggled to adjust to the different style of football in England and has only rarely looked good enough.

His contract expires in May and it will probably not be renewed.

Arsenal boss Terry Neill spent more than a year chasing Petrovic before getting his transfer.

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YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia's manager Veselinovic has recalled only two players from abroad for the match against the country's sports writers: Sivilar from Antwerpen and Halilhodzic from Nantes.

SPAIN

Real Madrid have dropped their pride — and accepted a sponsorship. Oddly enough, it's the large Italian corporation of Zanussi.

BRAZIL

Botafogo have announced that their stadium will be re-named after the recently passed away Garrincha.

ITALY

Dino Zoff, Italy's indestructible goalkeeper, celebrated his 41st birthday earlier this month.

Watford's remarkable rise to glory in the first division seems to have gone to the heads of some players.

After a shock 3-0 defeat by Norwich, the Watford players copped a blast from manager Graham Taylor who said: "Some of them got too big for their boots."

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Former English international great Jimmy Greaves has been smitten by Italian club Juventus.

Writing in the London "Sun", Greaves rated the 1983 Juventus side as "perhaps the best team I've ever seen."

Greaves reckoned the only possible Juventus weakness is Italian World Cup skipper, goalkeeper Dino Zoff!

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Bell's Whisky awards a monster bottle of Scotch to the English "manager of the month" and the February recipient was Ron Atkinson of Manchester United.

This is the first time the prestigious prize has gone to a Manchester United boss since January 1977. Tommy Docherty won it that time.

If Atkinson is happy, John Benson, manager of rivals Manchester City, is very depressed. City haven't won a game since Benson took over from John Bond several weeks ago.

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Joe Corrigan, England's number three goalkeeper, could be leaving Manchester City.

Corrigan, who has toured Australia twice, is on the shopping list of Vancouver Whitecaps in Canada.

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Charlton Athletic have had a bankruptcy order slapped on them by former club chairman, Mike Glicksten — with \$700,000 involved.

That's only one of Charlton's headaches. Aston Villa and Leeds United have complained to the Football League about transfer money allegedly owed to them by Charlton. Villa and Leeds are trying to recoup their cash through the courts and have slapped writs on Charlton and chairman Mark Hulver.

BRITAIN CALLING

To complete Charlton's tale of woe, the club has been put on the Football League's blacklist of bad debtors — which means they are not permitted to buy any new players.

The only hope for the depressed London club is to quickly sell Allan Simonsen, former European player of the year. Simonsen cost Charlton around \$1,000,000... but there are few clubs in England or Europe ready to reimburse Charlton by taking the star off their hands.

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England's 1981-82 "player of the year" Dutchman Frans Thijssen will be sold to the highest bidder when his contract with Ipswich Town expires in June.

All the money will go to the player who will be a free agent.

Already Ipswich have offered him a new two-year contract but it's doubtful if they will be able to outbid some of the more wealthy clubs.

Agents from Dutch and Belgian clubs have been in touch with Thijssen, a Dutch international who, at 31, could play for another two or three years.

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Southampton are anxious to sign Dutch international Jan Peeters from Belgian first division club Kortrijk. Peeters earned fame originally with Feyenoord.

He played in a friendly fixture for Southampton against Aldershot to see how he would fit in with the English style.

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John Wile, captain of West Bromwich Albion, has had talks with Peterborough who want him as their player-manager.

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West Ham's star striker Paul Goddard is injured — after a freak accident at home. Goddard strained his back while lifting his hi-fi system. Goddard said: "I just cannot believe this has happened to me!"

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Chelsea are bidding for Bob Latchford, the English international centre-forward from Swansea City. The price is \$150,000 for the player who had a brief spell in the PSL with Brisbane Lions.

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Kettering Town, one of England's top non-League clubs, were given a 14-day deadline by the Inland Revenue to settle a \$8,000 down plus \$1,500 a month.

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Liverpool, always on the lookout for good young talent, have signed an 18-year-old Dane, Michael Laudrup. The transfer fee was \$330,000.

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Scottish international goalkeeper George Wood is ready to quit Arsenal — because he doesn't like playing reserve team football.

Wood and Irish international Pat Jennings have had a constant battle for one first team spot at Highbury.

When Jennings held down the job, Wood had to wait 18 months to displace him.

"I have never let Arsenal down," said a dejected Wood, "but reserve team play is no good to me."

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Docherty is back at Old Trafford. Not Tommy Docherty, now guiding the affairs of Sydney Olympic, but his young son Peter.

Peter, 17, is playing in the Manchester United Youth team and is determined to make the grade with the club his dad used to manage.

Another Docherty boy, Mike, is now coaching at Sunderland after playing for Burnley, Manchester City and Sunderland.

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Brighton have averaged only 13,000 attendances at home games this season but, when it comes to the F.A. Cup, that's a different story.

More than 5,000 fans travelled to Liverpool to see Brighton's memorable Cup victory.

The Brighton followers hired four planes, three trains, and a fleet of 30 motor coaches for the long journey north.

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John Duncan, former Spurs centre-forward, was sacked as Scunthorpe United manager after being rated a big success!

Scunthorpe is one of soccer's outposts but, under Duncan, the team trebled its match attendances and shot from 23rd in the table to become promotion challengers.

Mexicans firm host favorites

Mexico may be tottering on the brink of bankruptcy, but that is not going to stop the nation making a strong bid to host the 1986 World Cup.

The Mexican Government and people are convinced there is no better place to stage the world's most celebrated and glittering soccer showpiece.

"Mexico has it all," said Jose Lima Flores, a local sports journalist and veteran of five World Cups.

"Not only do we have the experience from hosting the 1970 World Cup, but we have the stadiums, good infrastructure, quality hotels and above all fans."

The Mexican Government has backed efforts to

convince the International Football Federation (FIFA) of its country's suitability.

And one of their biggest assets is the huge football following in the country.

Mexico already boasts 10 stadiums with a 35,000 capacity including Mexico City's 110,000 seat Azteca Stadium — one of the biggest in the world.

And Mexico knows if it hosts the World Cup, each of those stadiums will be packed with true, diehard soccer fans — something which the United States does not have. And that could give Mexico the edge over their American neighbours.

Flores said: "The United States says it wants to host

the games to promote soccer. But there are just not enough fans to support such an event there. It is big business as well as sport.

"Mexico is close enough to the States to attract American fans and they can get around here more cheaply than they could there," he added.

Economy

Most Mexicans believe their chances of hosting the World Cup here are good. But they

Brazil out of W. Cup

The Brazilian Government, citing economic reasons, has vetoed attempts to stage the 1986 World Cup Finals to the country many see as soccer's true home.

A government statement said President Joao Figueiredo decided to withhold support from the bid put forward by the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) for economic reasons.

This effectively killed the effort as football's international governing body, FIFA, insists governments underwrite the applications of their national soccer authorities. FIFA will now choose between Canada, Mexico and the United States and possibly Germany.

The statement said President Figueiredo was unwilling to spend funds destined for social works on the World Cup.

"The current economic situation of the country recommends strict austerity in public spending," it added.

Brazil, home of some of the world's most gifted and exciting soccer stars, is in the midst of a foreign exchange crisis over payments in its vast foreign debt and suffers inflation of more than 100 per cent as well as heavy unemployment.

The statement cast doubt on CBF forecasts that tourist revenue from the finals would more than pay expenses.

"The high cost of tickets — estimated by the CBF at an average equivalent of \$5 is incompatible with the purchasing power of the poorer classes," the statement said.

The decision, taken on the advice of the chief economy minister Antonio Delfim Netto, was thought unlikely to be popular.

An opinion poll published by the newspaper Jornal Do Brasil on Sunday said 60 per cent of Brazilians wanted the 1986 Cup Finals held here while 32 per cent did not.

also know their country's economic problems could represent an insurmountable barrier.

Hard-hit by a shortage of foreign currency to service its mammoth 83 billion dollar foreign debt, some fear FIFA could doubt the country's ability to raise the initial funds needed to get the tournament started.

The Mexican Soccer Federation disagrees.

Federation spokesmen

have said that private firms would support the event and would bid for rights to manufacture official paraphernalia. And they say the Federation has the resources to raise money as well as contributing cash.

The Mexican Government is lending its weight to the campaign to bring the finals there. Earlier this month the Deputy Minister of Sports circulated a letter which supported the Mexi-

can Football Federation's bid to host the event.

The Government sees the World Cup as an excellent opportunity to bring in American dollars and boost the nation's image — an image which has slumped recently with the economy.



IMPATIENT BAILEY

GARY BAILEY is growing tired of those people who tell him that patience is a virtue.

The Manchester United star is the man widely tipped to eventually take over from Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence as England's next goalkeeper.

But although he has skipped the Under-21's and sat on the bench at Wembley this season, Bailey's promotion to the full side still seems a long way off.

"England have got to introduce a young 'keeper as successor to Peter

and Ray at some time, and I just hope that it's me," he says.

"At my age, both Shilton and Clemence had already played for England, so I don't think I'm being impatient."

"My goal is to be England's first choice 'keeper for eight or nine years. I'd also like to take part in three World Cup Finals."

"I went to Spain to watch the World Cup last year and found it terribly frustrating. So many good teams had poor goalkeepers."



HERR HODDLE?

BAYERN MUNICH may make a sensational move for Spurs' international midfielder Glenn Hoddle.

The former European Champions will be on the look-out for a replacement for 34-year-old skipper Paul Breitner when he retires at the end of the season.

And Hoddle is definitely on the shopping list of the West German aces. Manager Uli Hoeness admits: "We're only interested in top players and Hoddle comes into this category."

"We'll be having a good look round between now and the end of the season."

Two other names on Bayern's wanted list are Liam Brady, of Italian side Sampdoria, and Aberdeen's Scottish international maestro Gordon Strachan.

FIFA "sold" to Zurich

"In darkest Africa people know more about FIFA than here in Zurich," said recently FIFA secretary Sepp Blatter.

Then he set out to rectify the problem.

First he had a long conference with Zurich Mayor Dr Thomas Wagner ("After all, this is a Wagner-Year," he mused, referring, of course, to the long dead composer).

Following that he announced that Zurich will be "FIFA-mad" in May 1984 when the 80th anniversary congress of the world body is held there.

Some 300 delegates, 100 guests and 100 journalists will be invited, wined and dined in the city better known for its banks and bankers with curious mores.

AUSTRIA

Hans Krankl can play again... The Austrian Rapid club have finally reached agreement with Barcelona over the return of their star striker who has been out of action for months as the Austrians couldn't cough up his transfer fee.

YUGOSLAVIA

Dynamo Zagreb — where Eddie Krncevic is playing — returned from their South American tour singing the praises of the Peruvian German Leque — whom they hope to sign soon.

ITALY

Former Brazilian ace goalie Gilmar of Italy's Zoff: "His greatest asset is his balance. He plays more like a German than an Italian."

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Two Juventus stars, Zoff and Boniek, were born on the same day — but Zoff 15 years earlier.

USSR

Soviet star Oleg Blokhine, 30, recently became a father. His wife is former gymnastic world champion Irina Derjugina.

BRAZIL

A statue was erected in Durgapur, State of Bengal, for Pele, considered internationally as the greatest athlete of the century.

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The 1982 Gold, Silver and Bronze Boots Award are presented annually by Adidas to the highest goal scorers in Brazil and the winners for 1982 were Baiano (Nautico), Zico (Flamengo) and Casagrande (Corinthians). These awards started off in 1979 with a single trophy for Falcao (Internacional), in 1980 for Baltazar (Gremio), Zico (Flamengo) and Sena (Bahia) and in 1981 for Jorge Mendonca (Guarani), Roberto (Vasco) and Baiano (Nautico).

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In Rio Grande do Sul Gremio transferred goalkeeper Leao to Corinthians (Sao Paulo). Batista to Palmeiras (Sao Paulo), Paulo Isodoro to Santos (Sao Paulo) and Baltazar to Flamengo (Rio). International transferred Cleo to Palmeiras (Sao Paulo). Gremio only signed Tita (Flamengo). Other transfers were of Palinha from Vasco back to Cruzeiro and Chicão from Santos to Ponta Preta (Sao Paulo). Joaozinho is on loan from Internacional back to Cruzeiro.

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The Garrincha Trophy will be a yearly award to the best right winger of the year in the memory of Mane Garrincha by "Placar." The selection will be based on the opinions of the left backs and the members of the press.

EURO-CUPS

Out — Bayern Munich. Out — Liverpool. Out — Barcelona. These were just a few of the shock results in the second leg matches in the top three European club competitions.

And as if not to be outdone, Aston Villa, the holders of the European Cup, also bit the dust, well beaten by a super Juventus of Italy.

French international captain, Michel Platini, who, according to some European critics has not set the world on fire since moving to Italy, was the chief destroyer of Villa.

Platini scored two of the Italian club's goals in their 3 - 1 second leg win in Turin, with Tardelli getting the third goal.

Liverpool beat Poland's

Details:

EUROPEAN CUP...

IN HAMBURG: Hamburg 1 Dynamo Kiev 2. (Hamburg won 4 - 2 on aggregate)

IN SAN SEBASTIAN: Real Sociedad 2 Sporting Lisbon 0 (Real Sociedad won 2 - 1 on aggregate)

IN TURIN: Juventus 3 Aston Villa 1 (Juventus won 5 - 2 on aggregate)

IN LIVERPOOL: Liverpool 3 Widzew Lodz 2 (Widzew Lodz won 4 - 3 on aggregate)

CUP-WINNERS CUP...

IN BARCELONA: Barcelona 1 Austria Wien 1. (Aggregate score 1 - 1. Austria Wien won on away goals rule)

IN MADRID: Real Madrid 2 Inter Milan 1. (Real won 3 - 2 on aggregate)

IN ABERDEEN: Aberdeen 3 Bayern Munich 2. (Aberdeen won 3 - 2 on aggregate)

IN GENT: Waterschei 3 Paris St Germain 0 after extra time, score after normal time 2 - 0. (Waterschei won 3 - 2 on aggregate.)

UEFA CUP...

IN DUNDEE: Dundee United 0 Bohemians Prague 0. (Bohemians won 2 - 0 on aggregate)

IN CRAIOVA: Universitatea Craiova 1 Kaiserslautern 0. (Universitatea won on away goals rule — Aggregate 3 - 3)

IN BRUSSELS: Anderlecht 3 Valencia 1. (Anderlecht won 5 - 2 on aggregate)

IN LISBON: Benfica 1 A.S.Roma 1. (Benfica won on aggregate 3 - 2)

Five to fight for No. 1 shirt

By Tom Anderson

A frantic search has been mounted to find a goalkeeper capable of putting up the shutters against the might of England when they visit here in June.

The goalkeeping question is a serious one in our national team structure and a problem that has to be solved quickly.

In the coming weeks national coach Les Scheinflug and his stand-in for the England series, Frank Arok, will put a number of goalkeepers under scrutiny before making their final choice.

And after a close analysis of the talent available there are, in my opinion, five logical contenders or a call to national team duty.

The "likely lads" are — West Adelaide's Martyn Crook, Leichhardt's Greg Woodhouse, St George's Terry Greedy, Blacktown's Bruce James and Croatia's Steve Watson.

Since Jack Reilly retired from the national scene, Australia has never had a regular goalkeeper capable of holding down the spot with confidence.

Sydney City's Todd Clarke came nearest to achieving this, until a bad injury put him out of the reckoning.



Martyn Crook

Marconi's Allan Maher never inspired any confidence during his spell and conceded too many cheap goals or my liking.

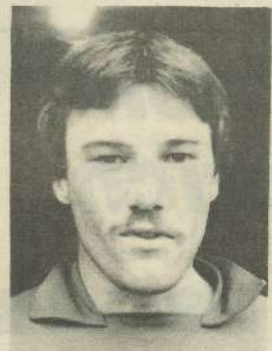
The general opinion of the ideal goalkeeper is a man with a pair of hands capable of holding the ball safely when it comes to him from any angle.

Qualities

He must possess sharp reflexes, have good anticipation, outstanding agility, a fine positional sense and the ability to kick a ball well.

These are the basic requirements of a goalkeeper.

When a coach finds a player with these ingredients, he must work hard to produce the finished article.



Greg Woodhouse

Obviously the goalkeeper's first task is to stop the ball going into the net!

But that's only the start of his job and over and above this he has other great responsibilities.

Such as organising the defence in front of him, setting up counter-attacks reading the game and being the eyes of his team.

The understanding between the goalkeeper and his defence — especially the two central defenders — must be top rate and unless this is so mistakes

will be made and silly goals conceded.

This point was emphasised much to our disappointment, in the recent games against the Kiwis.

What seems to be the major problem with the majority of goalkeepers in Australia is their technique. Many promising goalkeepers seem inconsistent because they are weak in some part of their make-up.

And the consistency factor is something a goalkeeper must possess more than any other team player.

The biggest technical problem with Australian goalkeepers is the inability to rule the penalty area or even the six yard area.

"Line keepers"

This causes big problems — especially against top professional opposition.

Too many of our custodians are "line keepers."

Sure, they have good reflexes and make spectacular saves, but when they are required to come out and cut out cross balls or through balls — trouble!

The leading goalkeepers throughout the world of soccer play like extra sweepers — behind the

sweeper or libero.

West Adelaide's Martyn Crook who played against New Zealand is a top goalkeeper and displays fine form with his club.

But when it comes to performing in the national



Bruce James

team, Crook "freezes" and in doing so lacks authority and command.

Leichhardt's Greg Woodhouse is another fellow who has what it takes to stay at the top.

Following the tragedy of the 1981 World Cup elimination series, Woodhouse has been under a cloud.

But showing great character and more maturity than ever before he's

now back to his best with Leichhardt.

Woodhouse is a player with tremendous talent and a goalkeeper who can perform well under the correct guidance and coaching.

State League goalkeeper Bruce James of Blacktown hit the headlines when he was included in the squad for the New Zealand games.

James is another young man with a great deal of talent and a player who can command the penalty area very well indeed.

However, before making final judgment on James, I would like to watch him under more pressure at top level.

The same can be said of Croatia's Steve Watson.

Watson performs in fine style in the State League but as yet is an unknown quantity in top company.

The last of the quintet is Saints' Terry Greedy who has really blossomed this year.

Stand-in coach Frank Arok should know all there is to know about Greedy so I'll take the easy way out and leave the ball in his court.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

There is no sport without incentive; consequently, the National Soccer League doesn't qualify.

Well, this is perhaps an over-simplification and a harsh one, at that.

But the fact is that there is precious little reason for any NSL club to strive and win the championship.

In Europe — and Latin America — teams fight tooth and nail to get near the top as they can then qualify to take part in all sorts of competitions: the various Euro-Cups, the Taca Brazil, the Copa Libertadores and others.

The incentive, of course, is money. Clubs — and players — all hope to cash in at the end of their domestic season on some form of bonanza.

Here, in Australia, no such incentive exists.

Why, this year even the modestly appealing Top Four has been abolished, all but killing off the interest of all those teams who, with some 10 rounds to go, can't finish first.

But even that elusive first place carries a dubious honor.

Sydney City have done it three times in a row — and almost went broke in the process. St George last year actually LOST money by winning the Grand Final.

Outlet needed

The only way to possibly overcome this glaring disincentive is to provide some sort of post-league outlet for the top teams in the NSL.

The ideal would be to forge a link with countries in the Pacific or Southeast Asian region — Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, Tahiti, Singapore, Hong Kong, New Zealand, etc. — and establish a Champions' Cup for the top teams of the respective leagues.

Clearly, this couldn't be staged on a home-and-away basis, as the European Cups, because of the travel costs involved — but the final venue could rotate among the participants.

If, let's say, two of our top teams would be eligible to take part — there would be a fierce battle for those spots in the NSL.

As it is, the only driving force of most clubs is a./ the coach's fear of getting the sack and b./ the pride of a few officials.

I know that Asia is absolutely full of various Cups and tournaments and it's hard to find suitable dates for national teams.

But perhaps it's easier to slot in a tournament for clubs.

If I had my way, I wouldn't even attempt to bring about such a tournament through the "proper" channels — such as the Asian Confederation.

The plan would be stifled to death in a maze of bureaucracy; correspondence would go on for years without any result.

The idea should be promulgated and promoted directly with the few national associations who are likely to show interest.

— Andrew Dettre

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